

THE LOST
S H E E P E
I S F O U N D,
U N D E R
A N E W D I S-
G U I S E M E N T O F A
Yong-raw-sculld VVit,&c.

A Bold adventure, a new Way declared in a further imitation of more domestique Boarders and Schollers of the feminine gender, in vindication of a pious intention, and Christian reliefe of a disconsolate Husband, and three innocent young Children, for the losse of an imperious revolted Wife, and an ungratefull Man-servant, lately departed together, or aⁿder, into the streights of Magellanica, or the West Indies, or some Where else unknowne, to trade by their owne selfe Wits or Wills, in Chaundry Wares, or Cotton-Wooll, in flat opposition and dislike of so laudable and generous a designe, &c.

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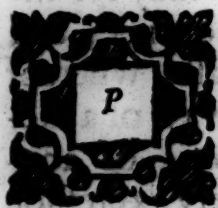
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P *ALL* may plant, and *Apollo* may water, but it is God alone which rendreth the increase. The sandy foundation of my building hitherto must be razed, and a firmer timely prepared to erect a new edifice upon. But seeing my particular ruine (with too many in the like Catastrophe) cannot, nay, must not (with times variation) be repaired by the ancient and ordinary rules of Law and Justice, which evidently presages an eminent (or imminent) dissolution. And therefore beyond the care of these outward Tabernacles, the eternall mansion of our soules should be thought upon, by a sure laying another manner, and more firme foundation; building and erecting securely on that blessed, and most immoveable Rock, *Christ Jesus*; by a daily fa-

brick and edification of a Theologicall architecture of Faith, Hope, and Charity; which vertues are not singly attained by humane endeavour alone, but through co-operation of Gods holy Spirit (preventing Grace from divine illustration perpetually assisting) yet for certain wee may (by industry) enlighten and conduct morality to some speciall degree or apprehension of some hopefull perfection (beginning at youth especially) in the future in one, or all, the chiefe whereof is Christian charity; alwayes intending the mortall good and benefit of others, with (and sometimes before) our selves. Now although my former intendment hath prepared ready for the presse, two tracts of another consequence, and more concerning the publique; a tract whereof I have lately set forth in Print, by way of a Remonstrance, entituled *Clericus Mercati*; of another also likewise ready, for the timely expression of Mortification and Repentance. Forasmuch as my unhappy and perfidious yoke-fellowes, and co-partners, both male and female, have conjoyntly made me (some other way not to be mentioned) more publique then my selfe would have in, or desired; and thereafter framed and fited their intentions and purposes (though not with my consent, as they pretend) quite opposite to these immaculate times (as some too precisely deeme) which need no Repentance now, aswell as no *Clericus Mercati*; both damned in judgement, as uselesse or fruitlesse for Church or Common-

mon-wealth: I have therefore laid aside and suspended awhile, both Tracts and curall office together, as impertinent, until the present times mend or end with me and mine, and so patiently refer my cause and needlesse calling, to the Laws supream, at the last and generall Resurrection. In the meane season (not grow desperate) but assume a stedfast resolution (through publique and private distemper) to wade through all temporall disasters; but first, submit and returne to God Almighty, beginning like a yong and hopefull Grammar-Scholar, with *Proximus sum*, &c. true charity begins at home, &c. Maugre that instance of wisdom and experience, which infallibly denoteth *Cor humile faciemque maestam, & plagam cordis efficit mulier improba; manus remissas & genua soluta, qua non consolatur virum suum in angustia*, &c. Ecclesiasticus 25. ver. 23.

For as much as time and too late experience hath made me sensible of every syllable of this sacred Text, and sent home to my habitation (even to the very doors and posts of my house) a dolefull commentary thereof, yet in pious consideration, that *Sampson* (though treacherously betrayed by *Dalilah*) had strength enough continued in him afterwards, to ruine his enemies by the same meanes they insnared him; and surely the promise (through divine ordinance and providence) is not by the bondwoman, but the free, as our Apostle also inferreth, &c. *Gal. 4. 24.* Let me not therefore (Christian Reader) be deemed too

confident or arrogant (amid a conjugall contestation) to undertake (though not by my selfe alone, being the unfortunate husband of an impious and revolted wife) yet by the obsequious helpe of others, pious, vertuous, and expert assistants that way of my procurement) to breed up and religiously educate, three dozen at least of pure Virgins, and yet turne and returne them all safe and secure to their severall indulgent Parents, after foure or five yeares exercise of their young and tender inclinations, as chaste and pure, and surely more perfect and cleare, then they came or were delivered into my charge, maugre all those imputations of my frozen imbecilitie that way, cast upon me by my lustfull wife, who (after almost twentie yeares experience) declares me scarce so able for her satisfaction as an Evenuch, or for education (as well as procreation) of youth male or female, more impotent then a dunce or a disguised Schoolemaster, lost utterly for want of wit, or defect of such another rurall office, having almost consumed his whole substance upon his wifes wit, and her two leav'd booke, whereon he hath poared himselfe so dull and blind, that halfe his revenue left can hardly procure right Christall spectacles, to contrive a close, way to pay his debts to her minion, or avoyd the acknowledgement of a disguised or discontented Cuckold, unlesse the revolted wife would have

Cuckold

timely become a convert to returne on her bare knees to aske pardon of her husbands jealousy, and not her owne impudency, and therefore politikely he turned his Clerke out of doores after his rurall office, being first in his debt 500. pound by his wives procurement, that she might (in pious affection of justice) follow after him, well knowing before hand, that her selfe alone, neither could nor would performe the duties of a loyall wife, unlesse the man were sometimes ready provided to take off what the master had layd on; but mistake me not, I meane in dry beating, which she could no longer endure from her husband at no time, but rather a threefold bum-basting from the abler man, her husbands Clerke, at all times at home or abroad, more willing alwayes to steere her floating vessell by her mans Rudder then her husbands Mainesaille or Tackling either, which made her at last cut Cables and ride away by stealth in Church time, for feare of too speedy pursuite by an old, lame, and lasie husband. But to avoyd prolixity in this ambiguous and incurable malady, and to congratulate with their conjoynt and more feasible designs, whatsoever, or wheresoever pretended, or farther intended betweene themselves, or asunder, as they cunningly seeme to be for a time of future advantage: I dedicate as well to them, as these wavering times, this my rustique muse.

Viz.

Though

*Though Wives comply not With their husbands straine,
 To castigate young girles, must age restrain?
 No suer, for education (man's) evermore the best;
 To instruct and point them home to heavenly rest.
 Although the younglings thinke the old ones fooles,
 Yet th'oldest know more young ones whipt in schooles.
 All youth is ranging, till find themselves more wise,
 Old ones experience, for them's in stead of eyes.*

Numb. 10.
 31.
 Eccles.
 25.6.

Notwithstanding all the insultant premises of an ungracious wife; I have had by two wives, six children; though now (through lazie negligence or other accidentall impediment) I have so seldome, and timerously frequented the two-leav'd fore-dore of my stately habitation; that my present wife (with some other of that fleeting sex) hath been unwillingly constrained to run thorough the back-yard of Concupiscence behinde her husbands great house, to perswade her lusty man to perform his Masters office at home and abroad, that she may the better enjoy her owne husbands company, who hath been hitherto detained from her, and bated of her own and due benevolence, three quarters, at least, of every whole yeare, for almost twenty yeares together. Besides, to aggravate the long tyranny she hath endured in that kinde or nature, she hath to sundry persons desperately sworn and vowed to returne no more (like a loyall and obedient wife) without her man to wait on his old Maher for redemption of his former neglects and escapes, within

within his first covenant, without a livery of two
 Laces behind and before, as the Clerke of the
 Markers man, proudly and reproachfully taunted
 some of the Justices of the peace in *Cornwall*,
 as also (not long since) nearer hand at *London*.
 But wot you the reason (courteous reader) of so
 suddaine and strange alteration of late betwixt
 me and my wife, my associat in office and fellow
 Clerke, it is (may it please you) as well double
 as doubtfull, the one, if her husbands rurall office
 with its rustique authoritie, should rise in judge-
 ment against her and her minion, for their con-
 joyn't, corrupt, or indirect making the slave away
 at an under value, without her husbands privi-
 tie, being his sole and onely substance, then
 albeit the office never returne more in *statu quo*,
 or she is sure of a more loving husband in *posse*,
 then ever the present, or preterimperfect tense,
 of her Verbe could yet decline, or indeed ever
 meanes hereafter, in her husbands well appoin-
 ted new female schoolhouse, in the Latine
 (or lackwits) tongue especially. A second reason
 may be inferred (*ex congruo*) for apt and seeming
 complaint with her husbands purpose and lauda-
 ble designe in present agitation, to teach the
 young Damsells and Gentlewomen (bourding
 scholars in her husbands house) to write true
 English or French, in a bastard Roman hand,
 her selfe having so long time approved his cha-
 racter to be very legible, and so contagious to
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puppets) that in very deed, she can hardly (though her lame husband may still if he list) be well or ill understood without him. Neverthelesse, dread not you, my tender, innocent, and feminine scholars, let not the thought of these disastrous times, or triviall suggestions affright you, nor your indulgent or timorous parents; for I have undertaken next under the Almightye) the sole tuition and safe protection of every one of you, and am steadfastly purposed to trust neither of them (him or her, nor any other of their party or confederates) with any your writing tackles, much lesse any other instruments of your discipline, mine own pen (I praise God, how ever depraved by them and their complices onely) hath yet incke and vertue enough to supply some particular defects of my hired teachers (beside superintendency) to guide your right hands to the untainted paper of chaste integritie and sinceritie of life and example; while both your interiall and exteriorl faculties are severally exercising their severall functions and operations by turne and course, assiduously pursuing those ends and exigents, for which you came, and particularly your parents acquire, and your selves hope and aspire unto; whereof I purpose (for the publike good, as for my owne and childrens better subsistence) according to a more succinct subscription & description, God assisting by my selfe and others, to be a vigilant and sedulous professor, and therefore by this succeeding breefe,

breefe, or intimation, I referre the well disposed,
to try if they lust,

And then conferre trust,

Who (hence with all) must

Returne to his dust,

Thence rise with the just-----One to live with

Him for evermore, Amen.

T Here is lately erected, within a private, healthfull, and pleasant house, situate in *Kingstone* upon *Thames*, in the County of *Surrey*, a private Schoole or Nursery, for the generall education of female youth only, at, or from the age of eight yeares, or thereabouts, with all convenient and delightfull appurtenances thereunto belonging, and therewithall provided of men and women, expert, as well for the teaching of *Latine*, *French*, and writing by *Letters* and *Cyphers*, as also for other *Morrall*, *Civill*, and *Religious discipline*, with the teaching of sundry sorts of *Needle-work*, *Tent-work*, or the like, *Musicall instruments*, and *Dancing*. If any person of what estate or degree soever, be thereunto disposed, may have their daughters placed, boarded, and taught, at, and for answerable rates or rents, *per annum*; and shall be also therewithall daily supplied (with much safety and security) by other needfull and fruitfull accommodations.

Per me, Ben: Agar.

An humble Remonstrance to the Honourable house of Commons assembled in Parliament, for the furtherance and establishment of a necessary and laudable designe in hand for the publique good, but hitherto much hindered, molested, and impeached, by an ungracious Obstacle of an adulterate and shamelesse wife, &c.

IN which disastrous and untimely accident, the husband of the foresaid wife retiring himselfe within his house, since the beginning of October last; at which time this Authors wife wilfully departed from her husband and children to follow her man, they both yet conspiring against the husband; neverthelesse to avoid discontent, or fatall despaire (the issues of her desire) the husband hath spent his time since, in the composition of these severall Tracts, ready prepared for the Presse; the severall arguments and contents whereof hereafter more amply ensueth: viz.

Wherein some persons may conceive and finde,

The various explications of perplexed minde,

viz.

The sundry and severall arguments particularized in Prose and Meeter.

viz.

I. A

1. A Swarme of Bees fitted and provided for the Hive of Prophecies and Predictions, Theologicall and Morrall, concerning sundry events to be expected in the last Ages of the world, with other smaller Tracts, and Discourses, both in Prose and Verse, profitable and delightfull to be knowne; together with sundry Apothegmes collected from King James his Table-talk in his life time, both in England and Scotland, since his happy accessse to the Crowne of England &c.

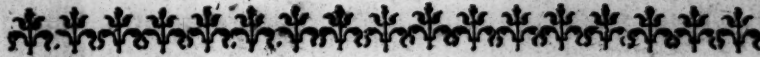
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For Morrall honest; and for mangrell wife,
 For other things belonging to this life. viz.
 For Wit, or Wisdome, or such sublimet things,
 Which cumber life below, which hang on supream strings.
 For man and wife (Assises ought be had)
 Reciprocall invectives, as well for good as bad; viz.
 First, whorish women, and their exultations,
 To quit them quainly, select exultations;
 For Meer-maids flues, and subtile attemptations,
 Their privy tisements, and dangerous insinuations.
 Their Crocodiles teares, and Syrens adulations.
 For table-talk, to help maintain discharge,
 Some for the beaten sort, some others for the warlike
 For Prophecies, and their nice explanations;
 So visions, dreames, and their quick explications,
 By various wayes, doubtlese interpretations.
 For godly solace, and such contemplations,
 Some pithy consort, devout, short ejaculations,
 Some sacred vomes, and pious meditations
 For Churches foes, some Christian imprecations:

- he like for friends, with dolefull invocations,
 Some Psalmes inverted, meete for consolations,
 8. Quaint soliloquies meete for nights or dayes,
 Predictions calculate, for Churches holy wayes.
 9. Some Dialogues, Anagrams, Epigrams, to raise
 A plot for enterludes, deserving Lawrell bayes.
 10. An Embleme postur'd with a new disguise,
 To instruct the wits, perambulate more Wise.
 11. A microcosme explain'd in circular rime,
 For young and old to know, & redeeme the time.
 12. Some problems clos'd in letters, pen'd in proes,
 And such compos'd from exigents in woes,
 13. And then againe, more fancies to disperse,
 Inverted proes into satyrique verse.
 For these and like, as th' author shall be able,
 (To make for good men) Wives more comfortable
 Again (for bad Wives) men more suspectable,
 Least both in th' end decline most despicable,
 Diseases festered, prove not incurable.
 Hence therefore dreame (for each) things profitabile.
 Assizes due 'mongst all, all must appeare,
 Howso' ere disguis'd, or now baffled here,
 For which performance all should be charitable,
 With prayers to God, and gestures answerable.
 14. For due assize, that all be conformable,
 To men within, to beast without in stable.
 That such at least (when all have courst the round)
 For upright dealings may in Christ be found;
 So found in him, when God himselfe shall come,
 Each mortall may receive deserved doome.

All blessings flow from God alone,
 Thrice blessed three in one.

Amen.



*To set forth all these traicts at once, to publike view,
 Cannot be brought to passe;
 But when for truthes (they all) shall prove as true,
 As cleare perspective glasse.
 Then render choyce and change to all, quaint straines of wit
 M^e obtaine a publike prayse,
 As cause appears abroad, give all some tast of it,
 May dolefull spiritts raise.*

Per me Ben. Agar.]

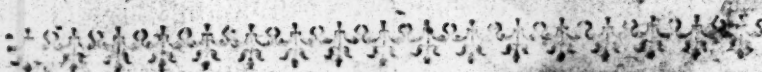
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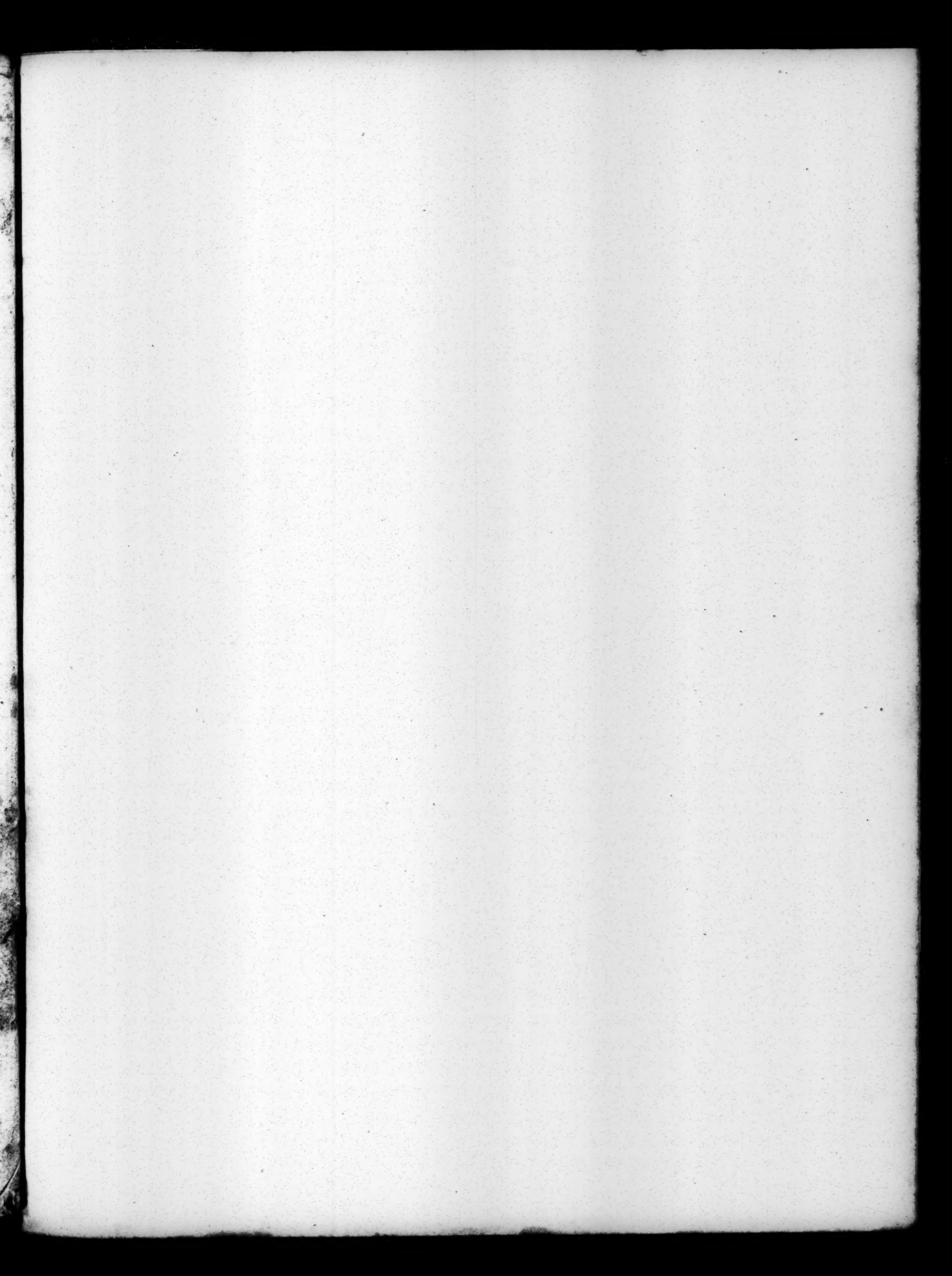


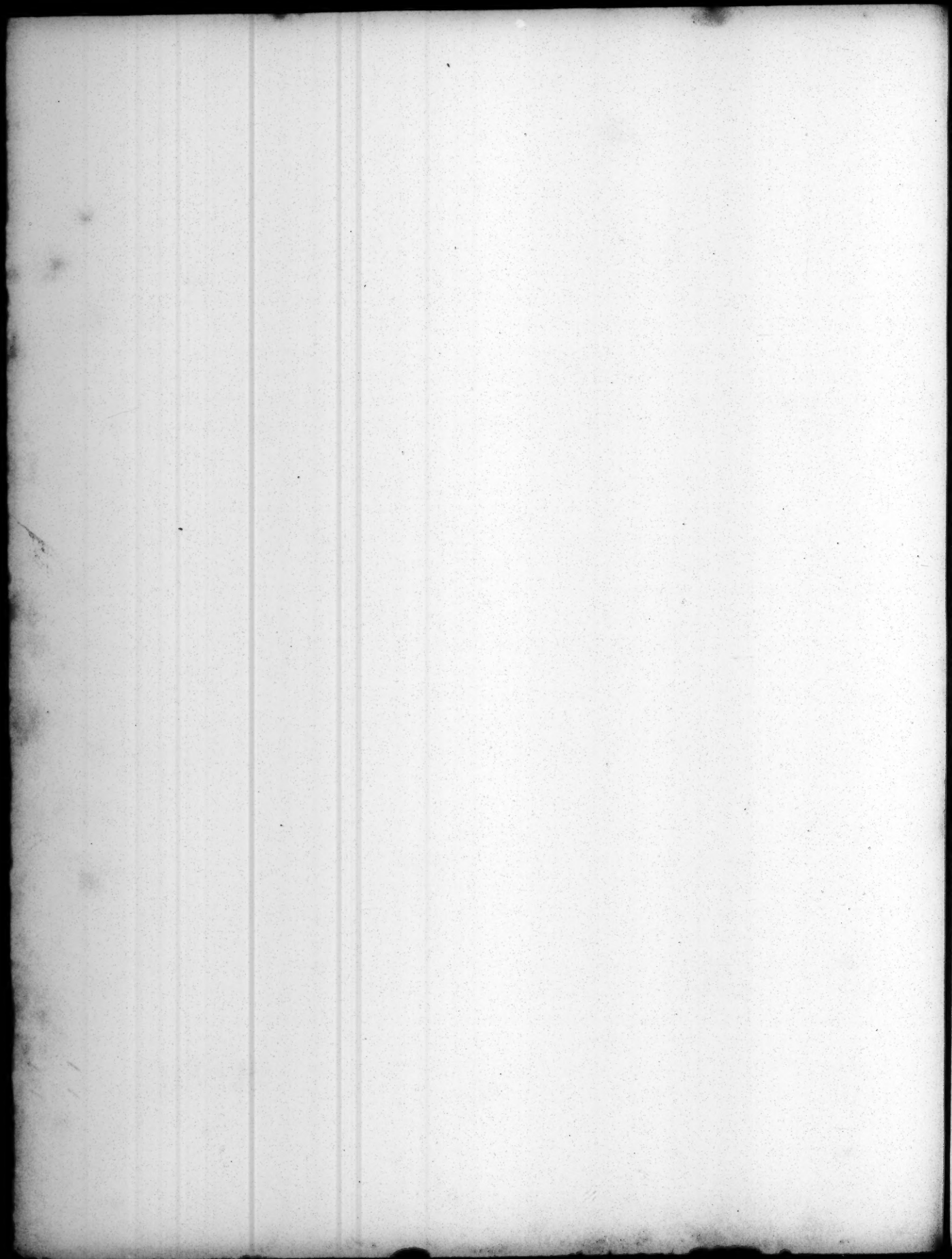
To the Hon. the Lords of the Council
in Great Britain
I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 10th
inst. in relation to the
proceedings of the
Commissioners of the
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in relation to the
sale of the
land of the
Crown in
the County of
Dorset.

Per me Ben. A. G.

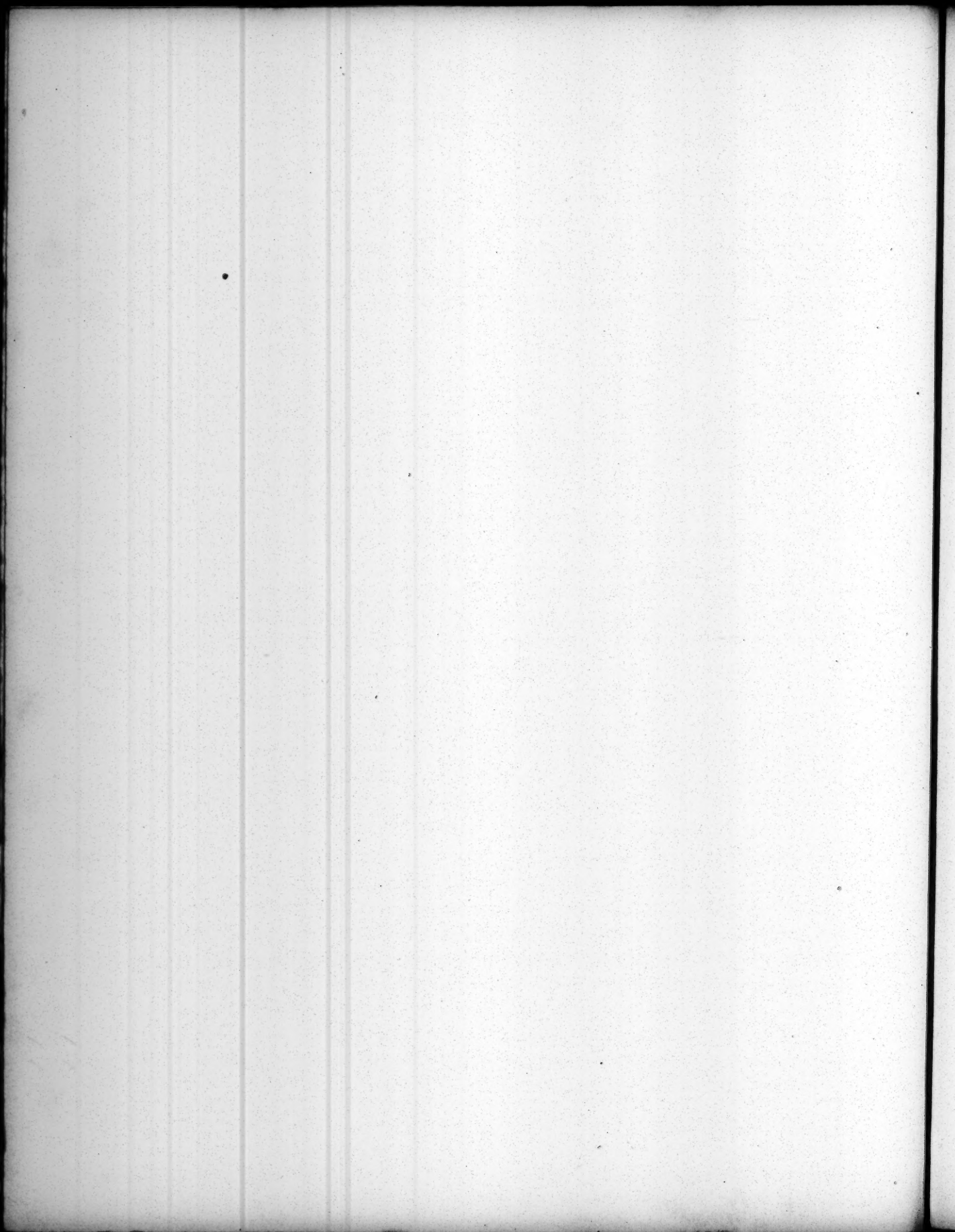
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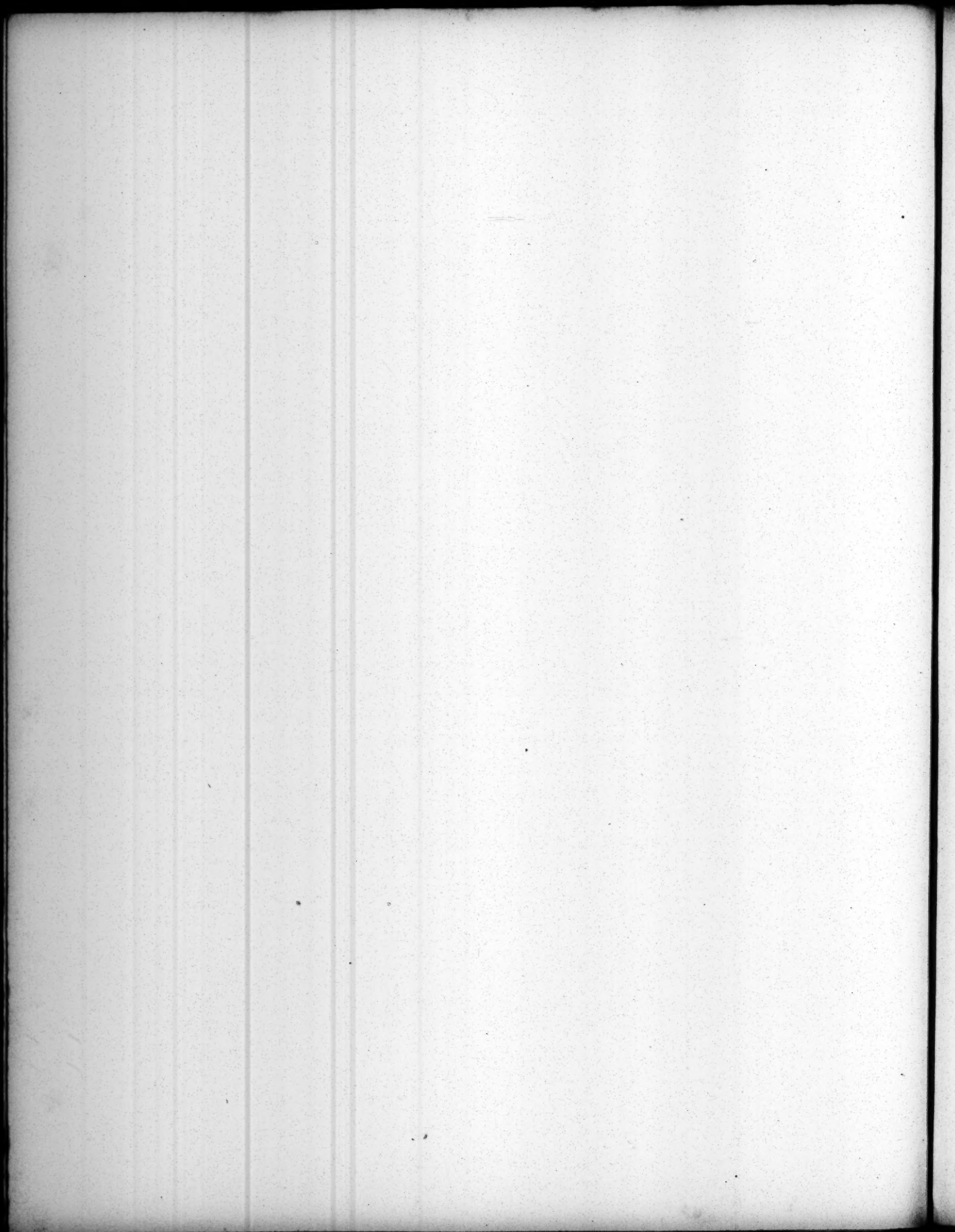


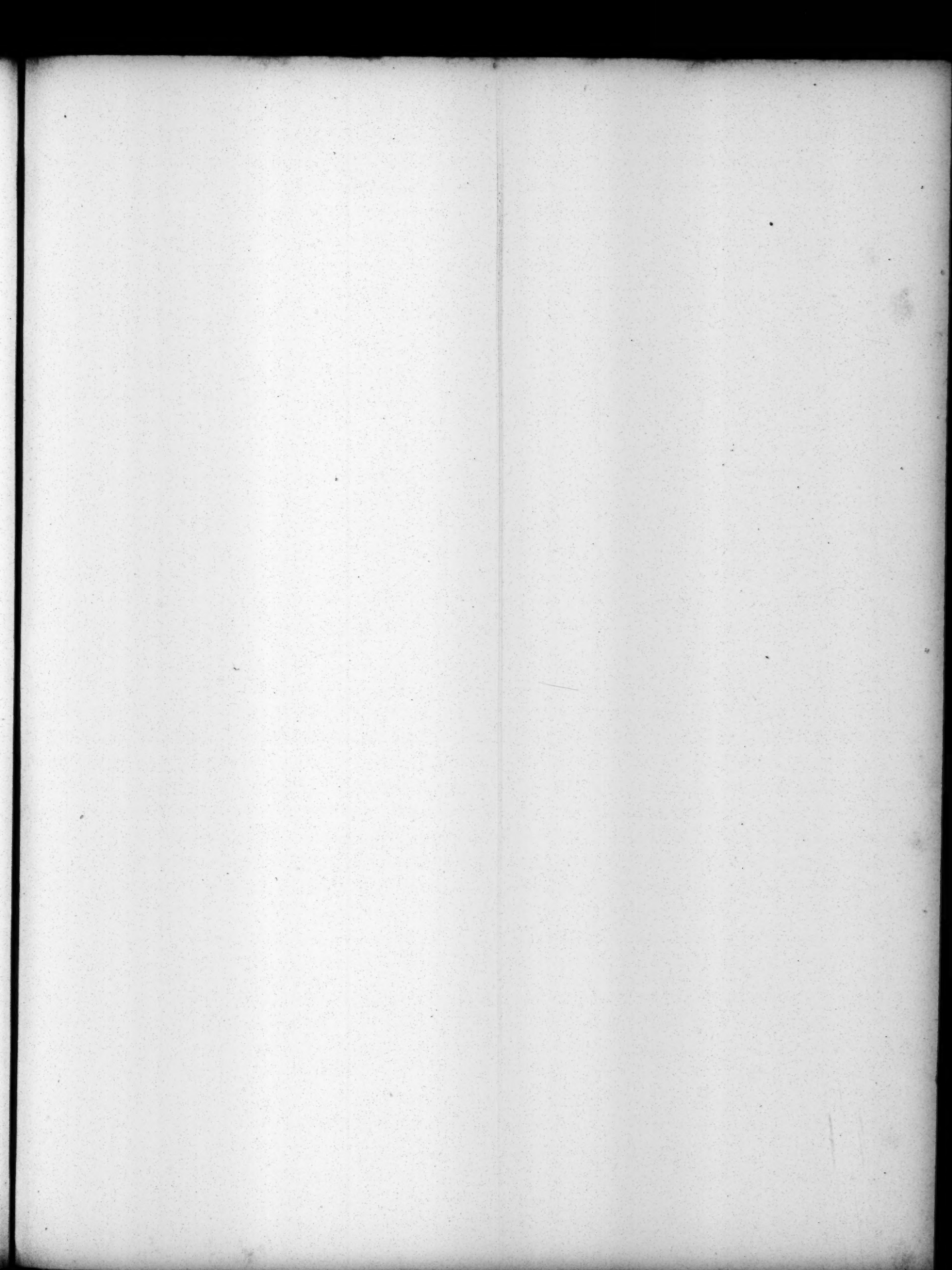


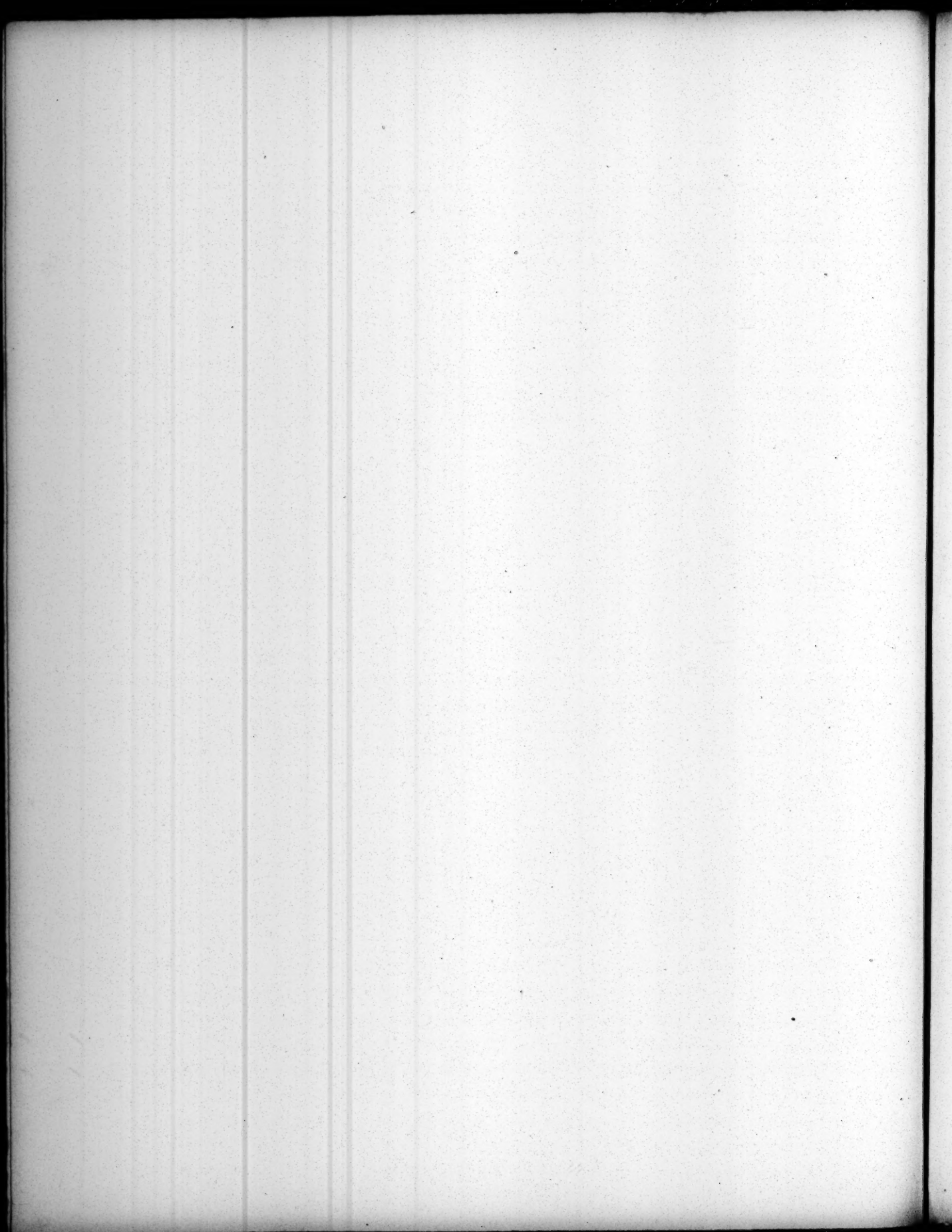


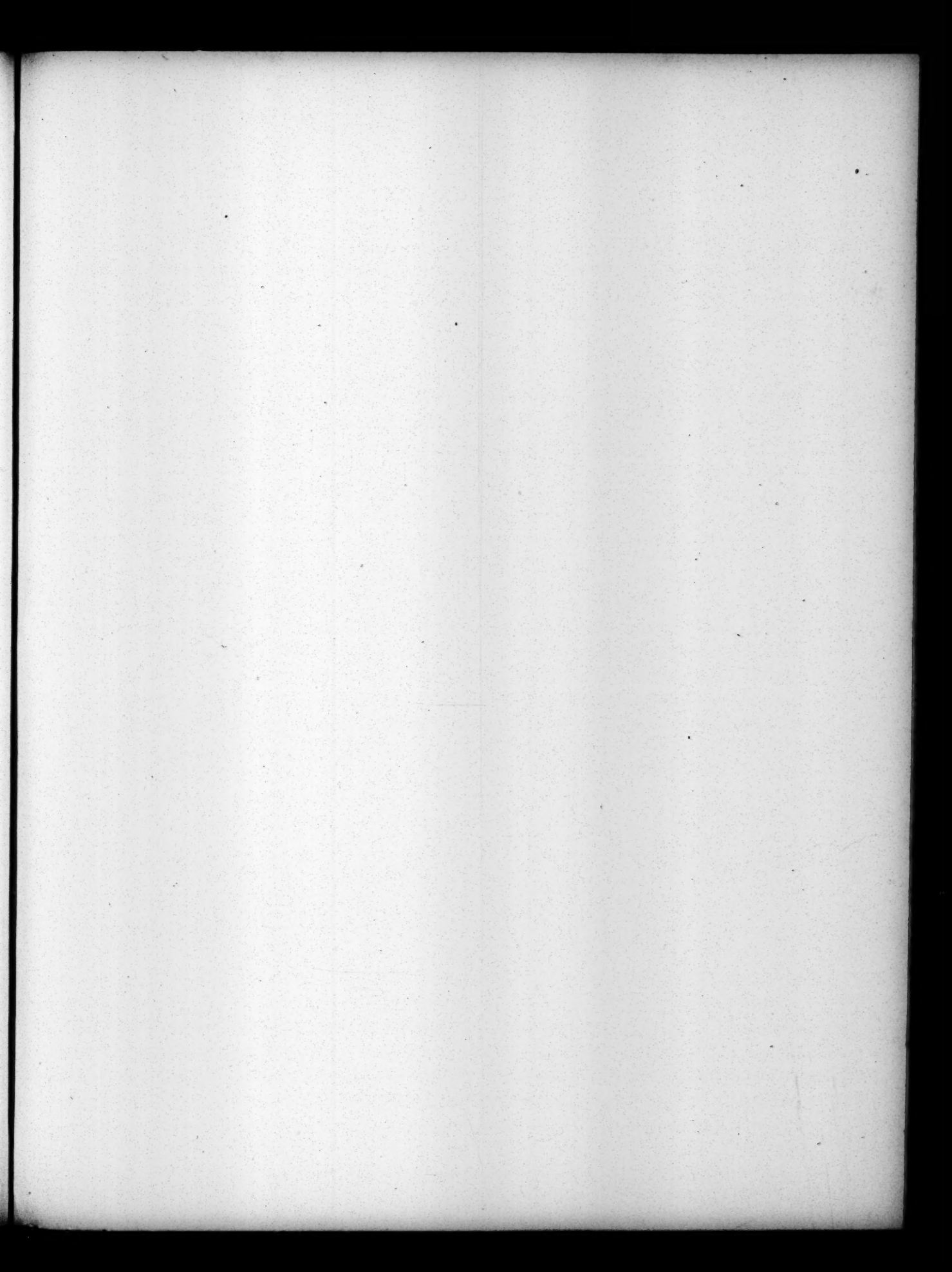


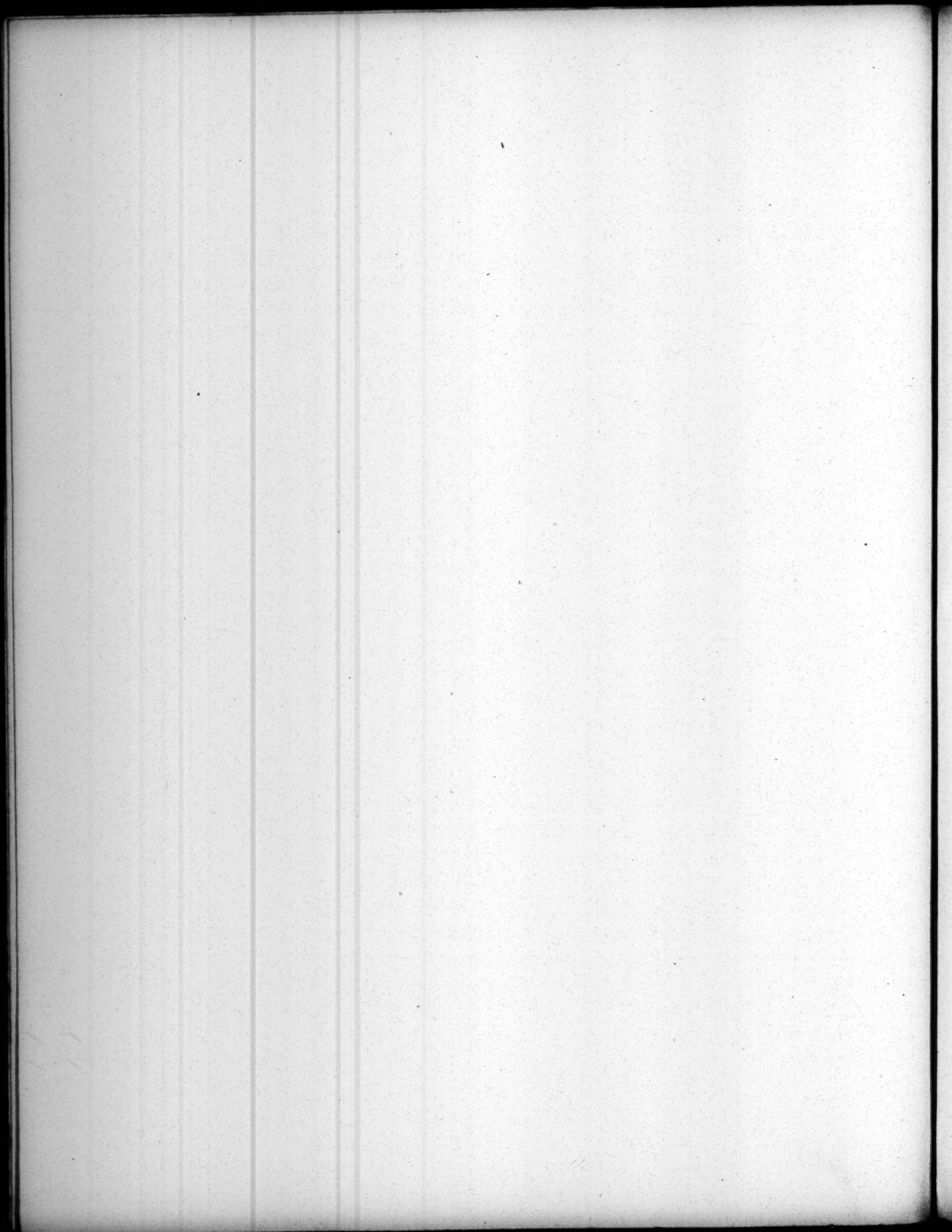


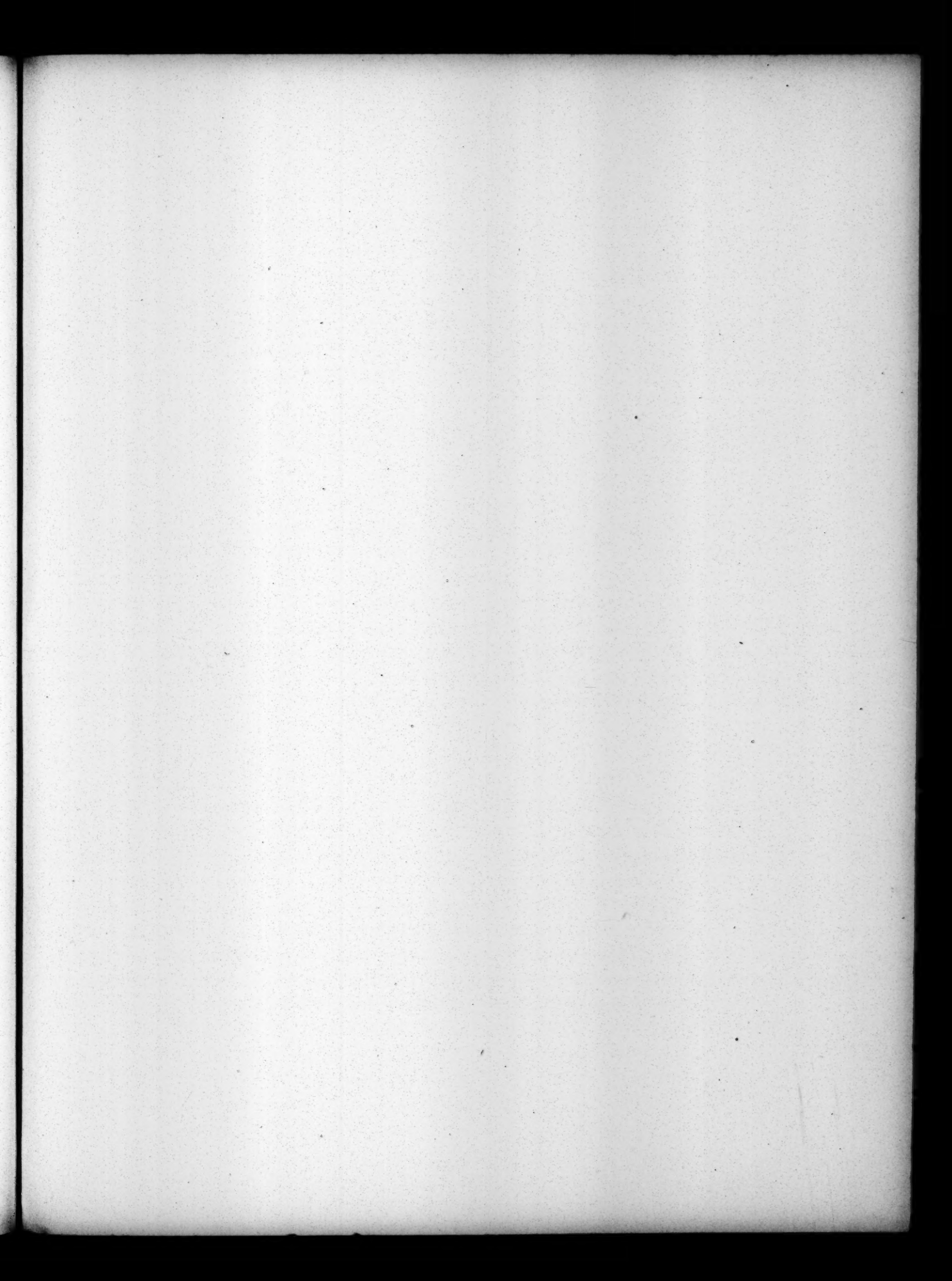


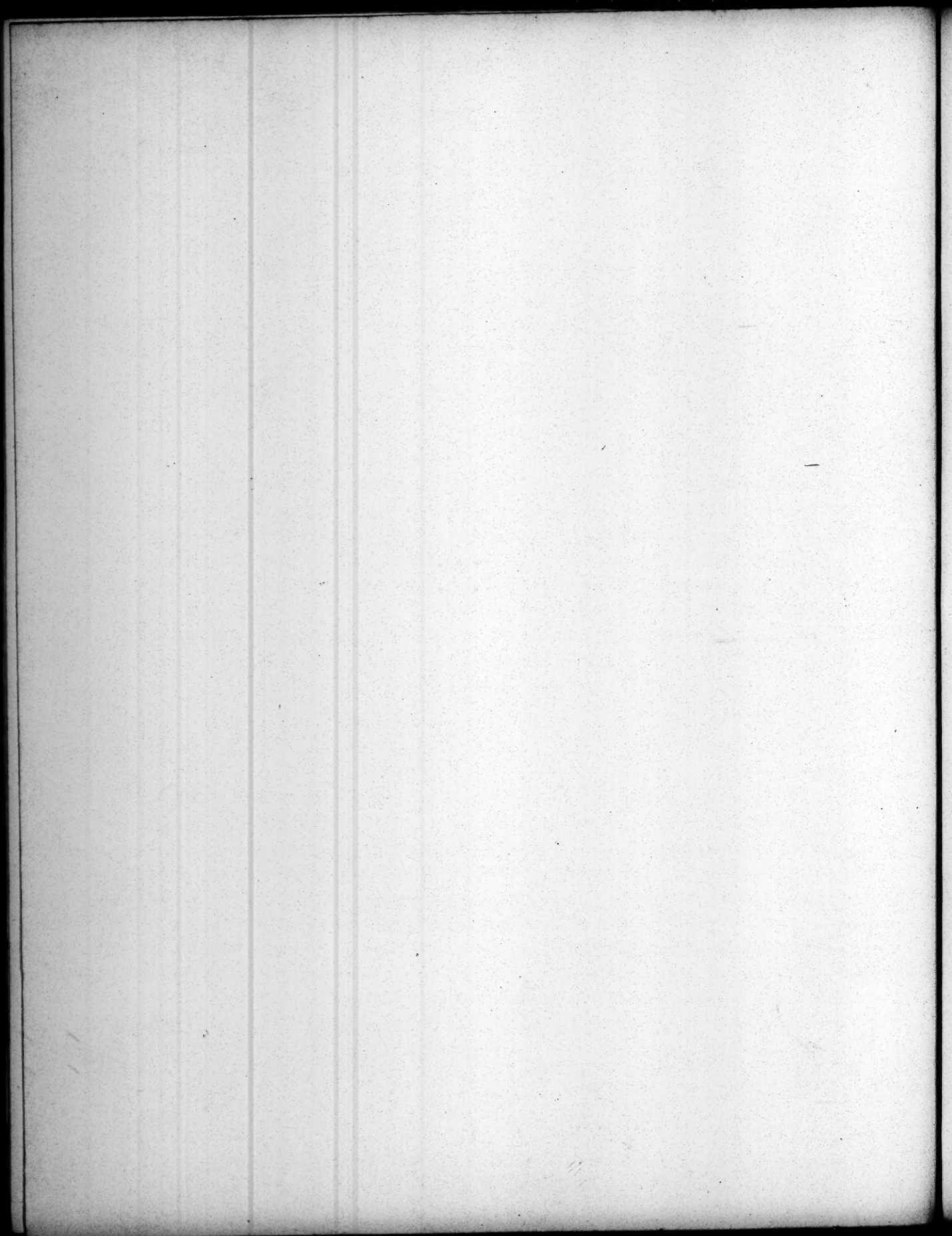


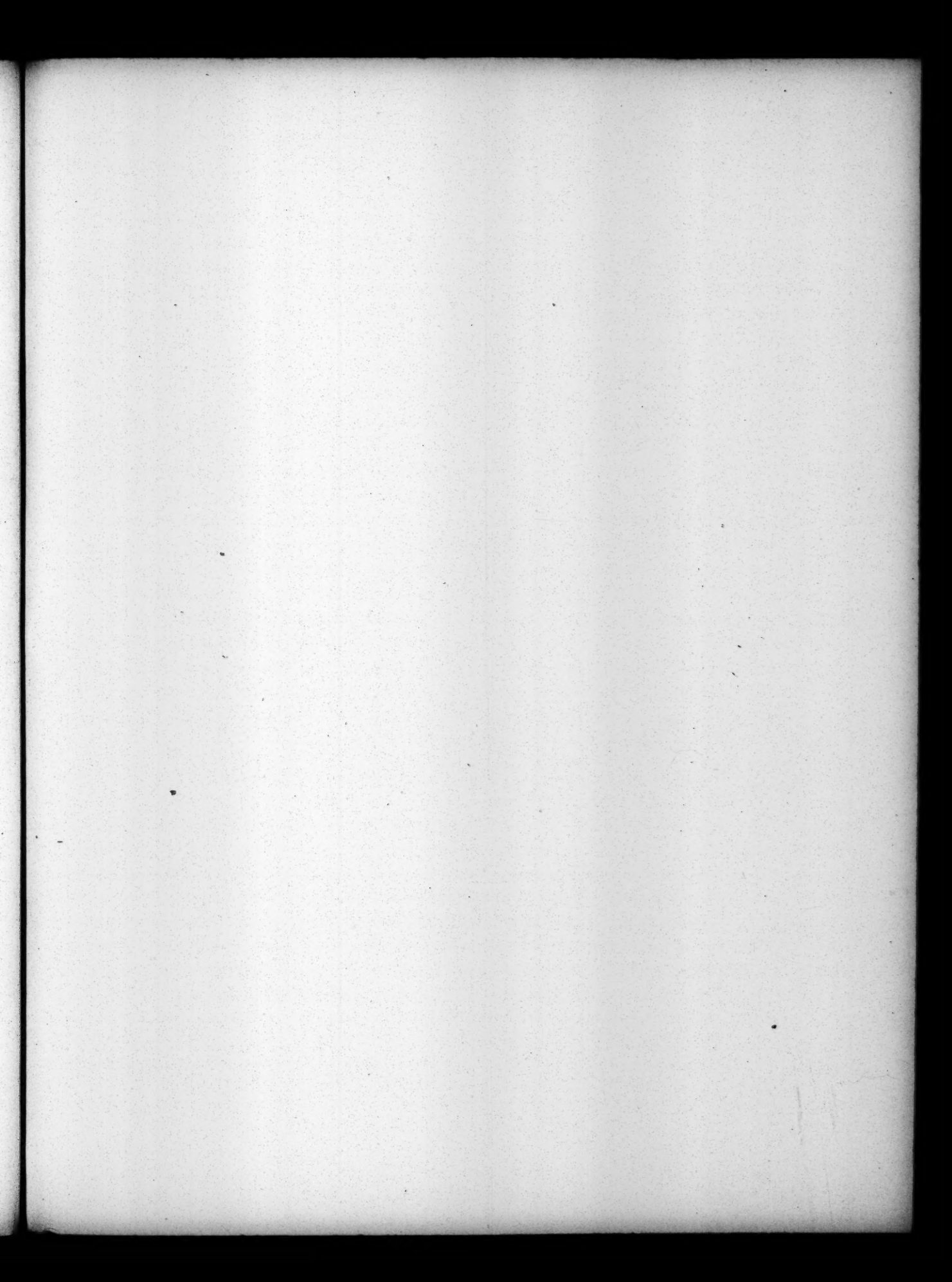


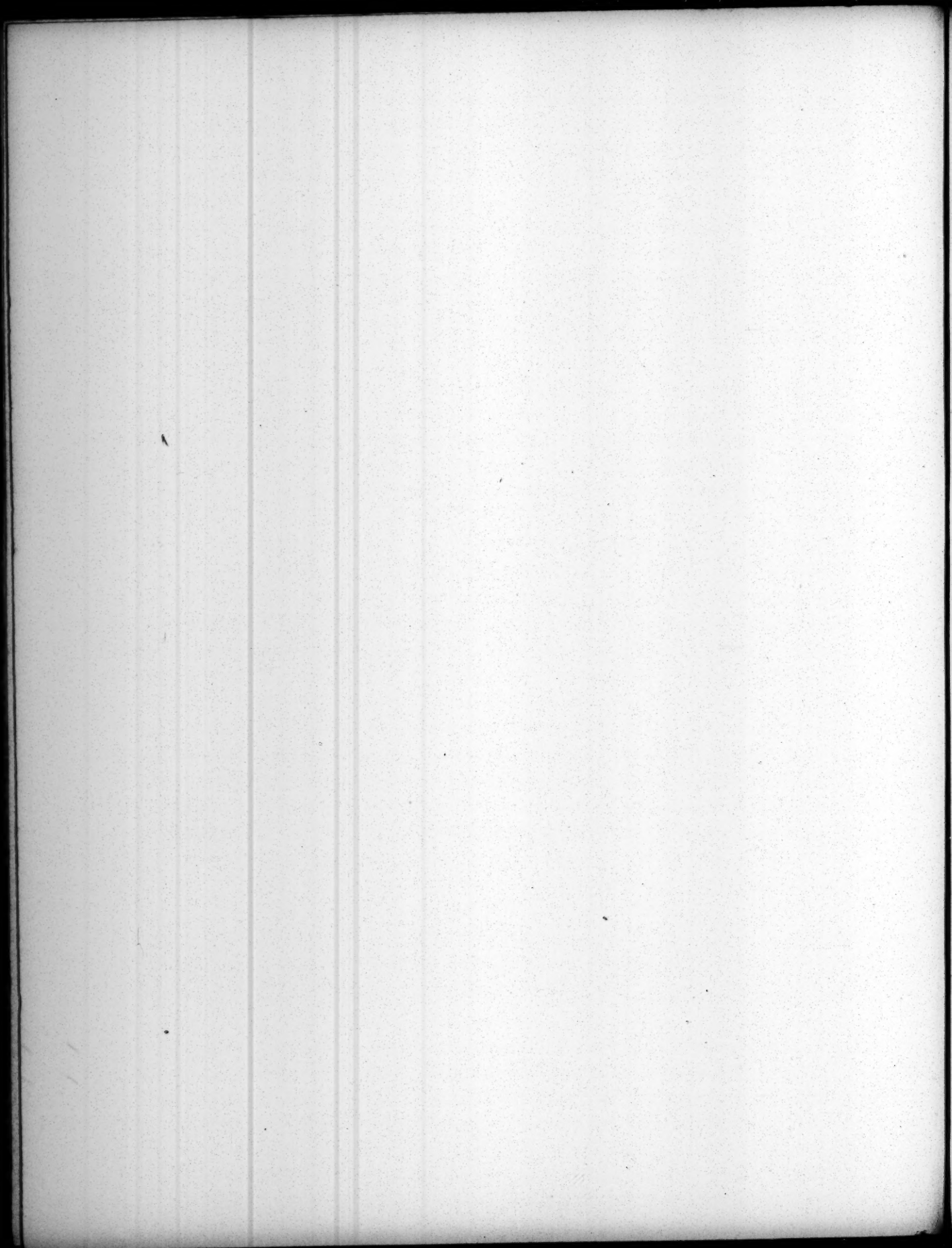


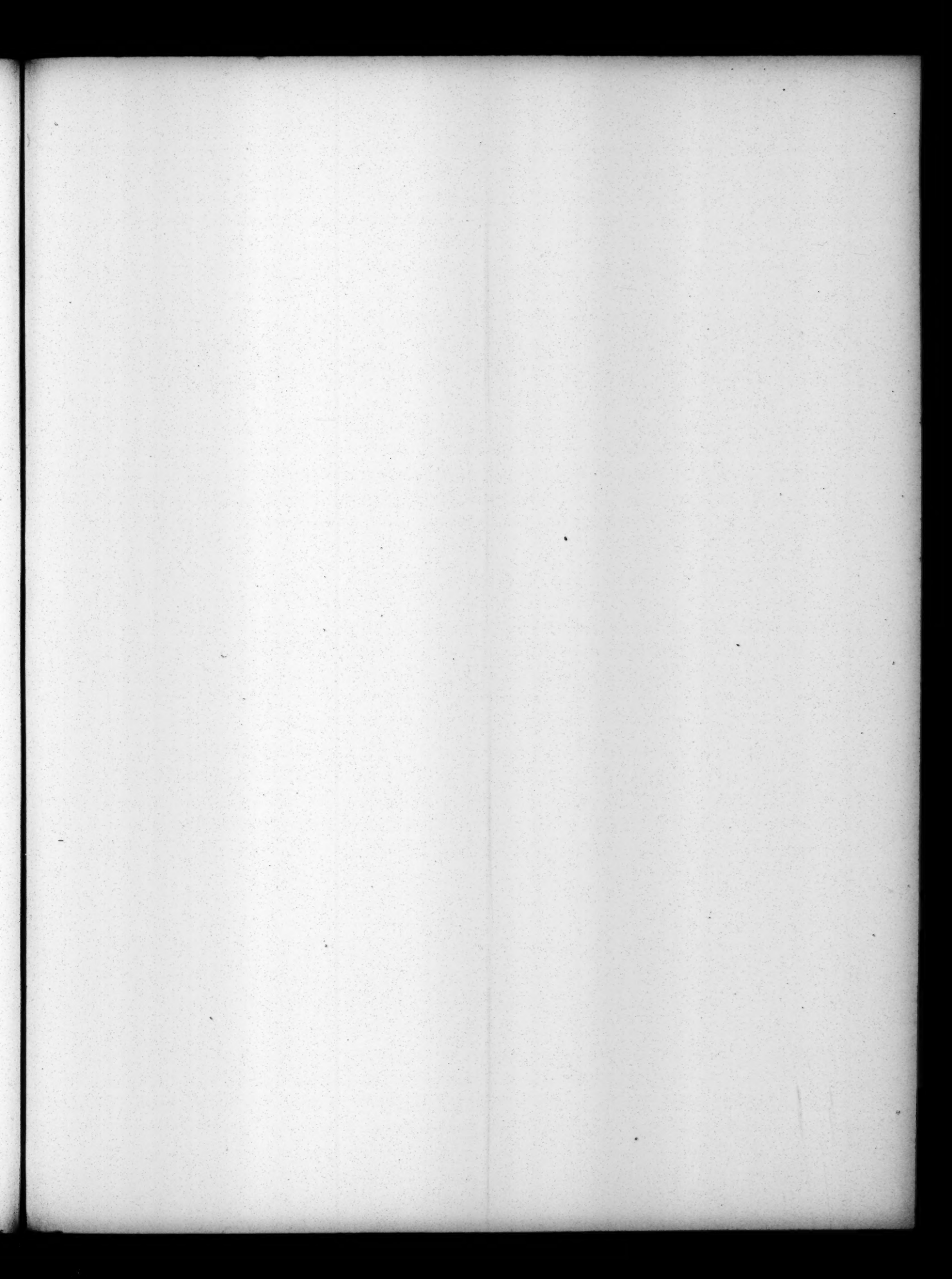


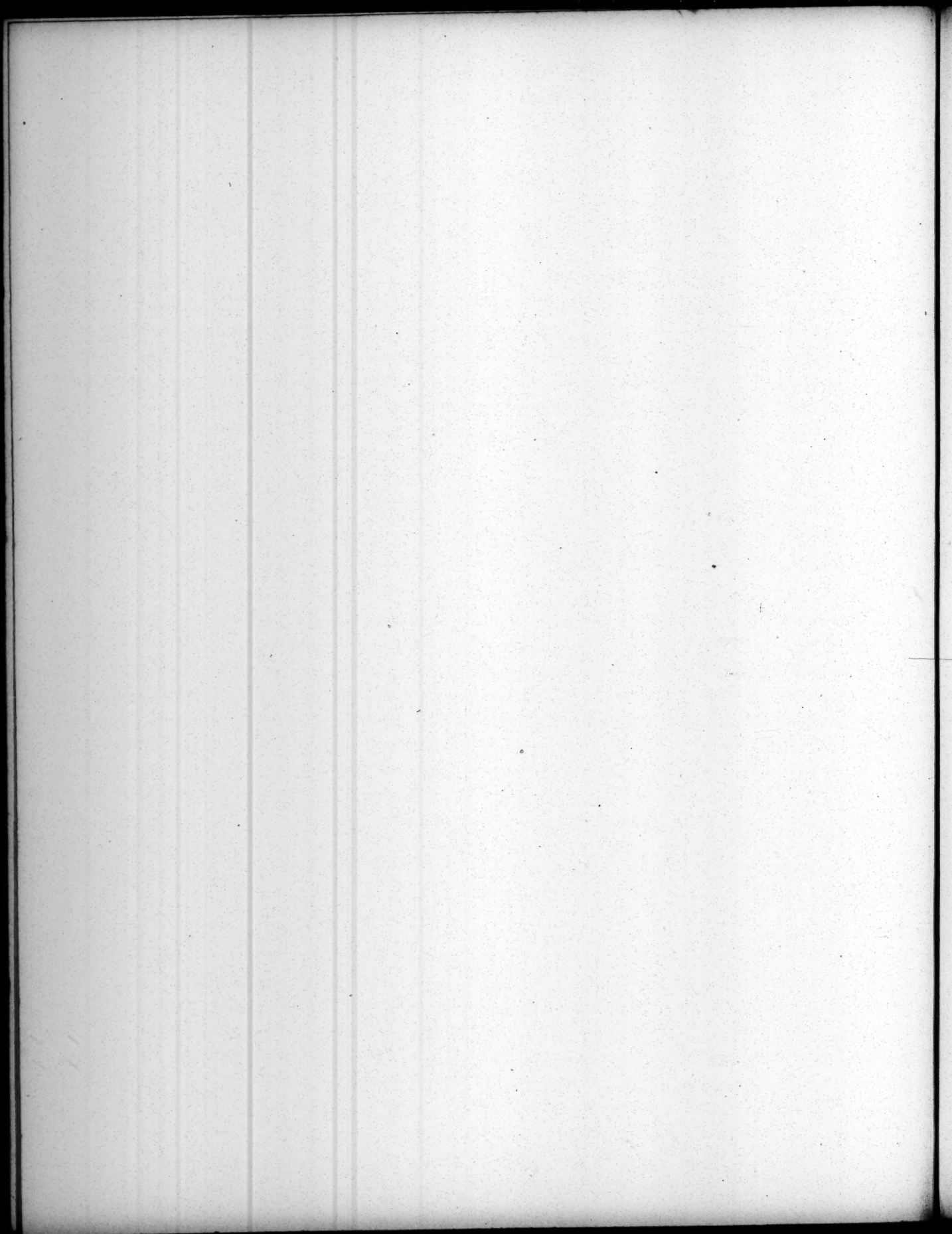


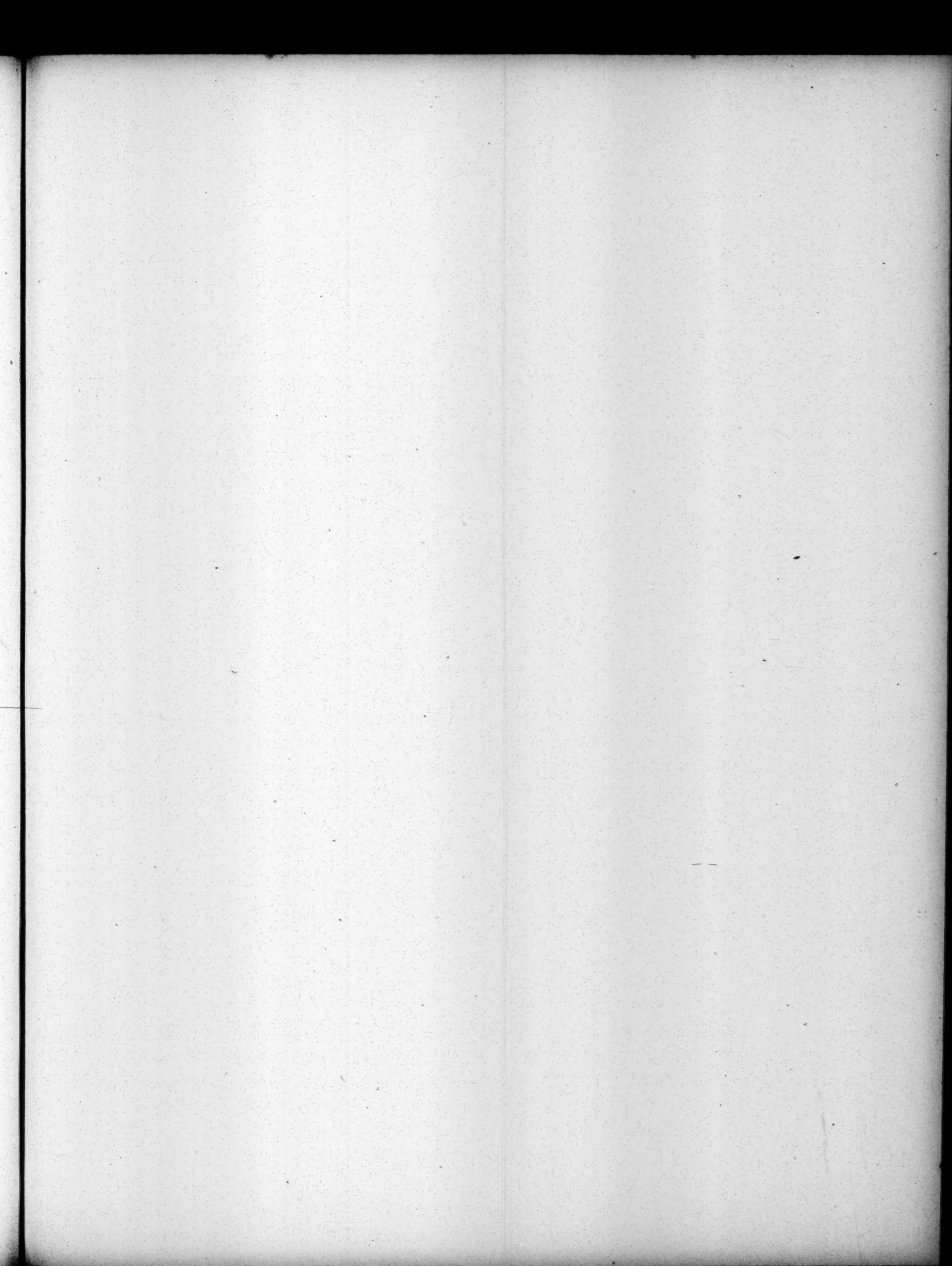


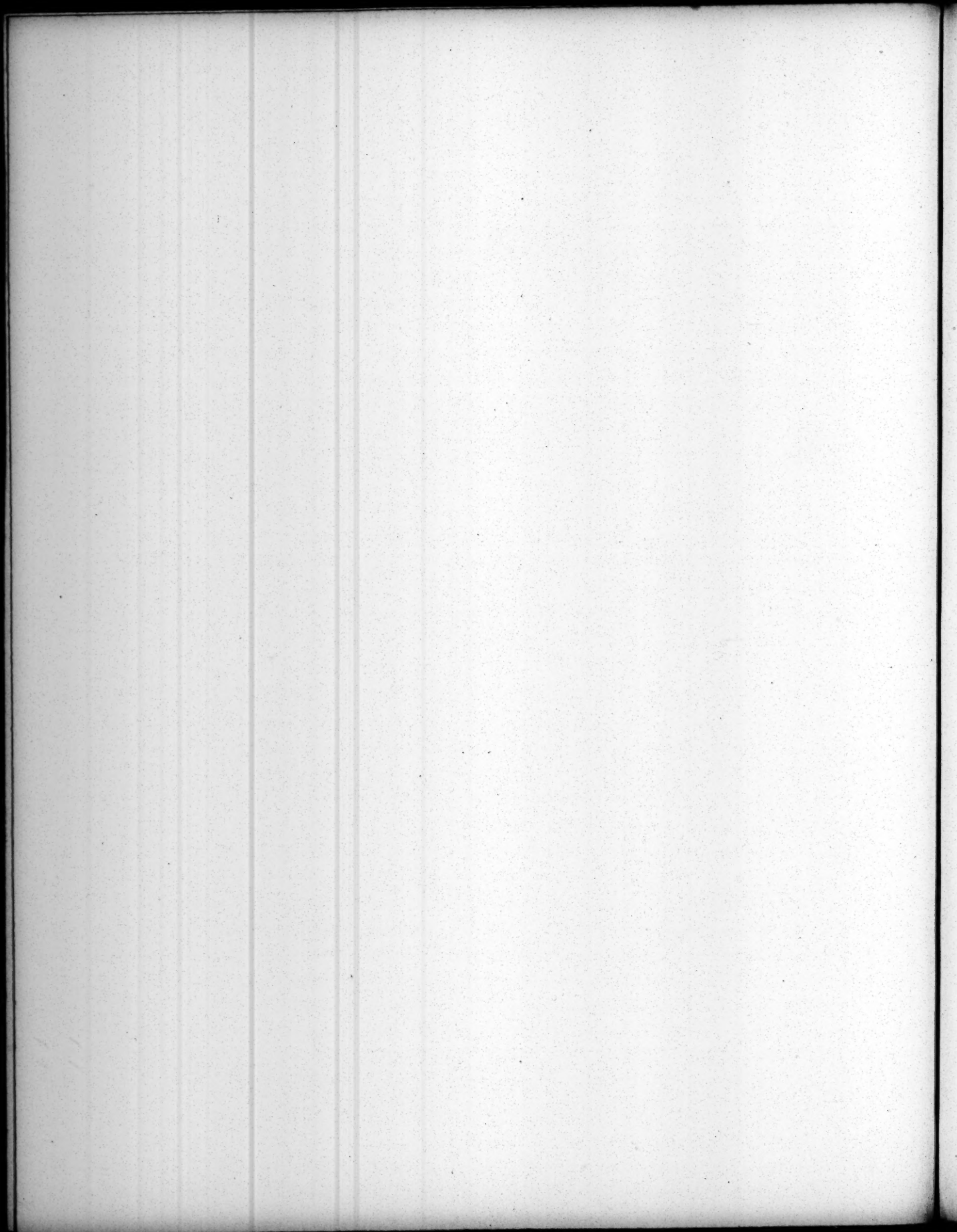


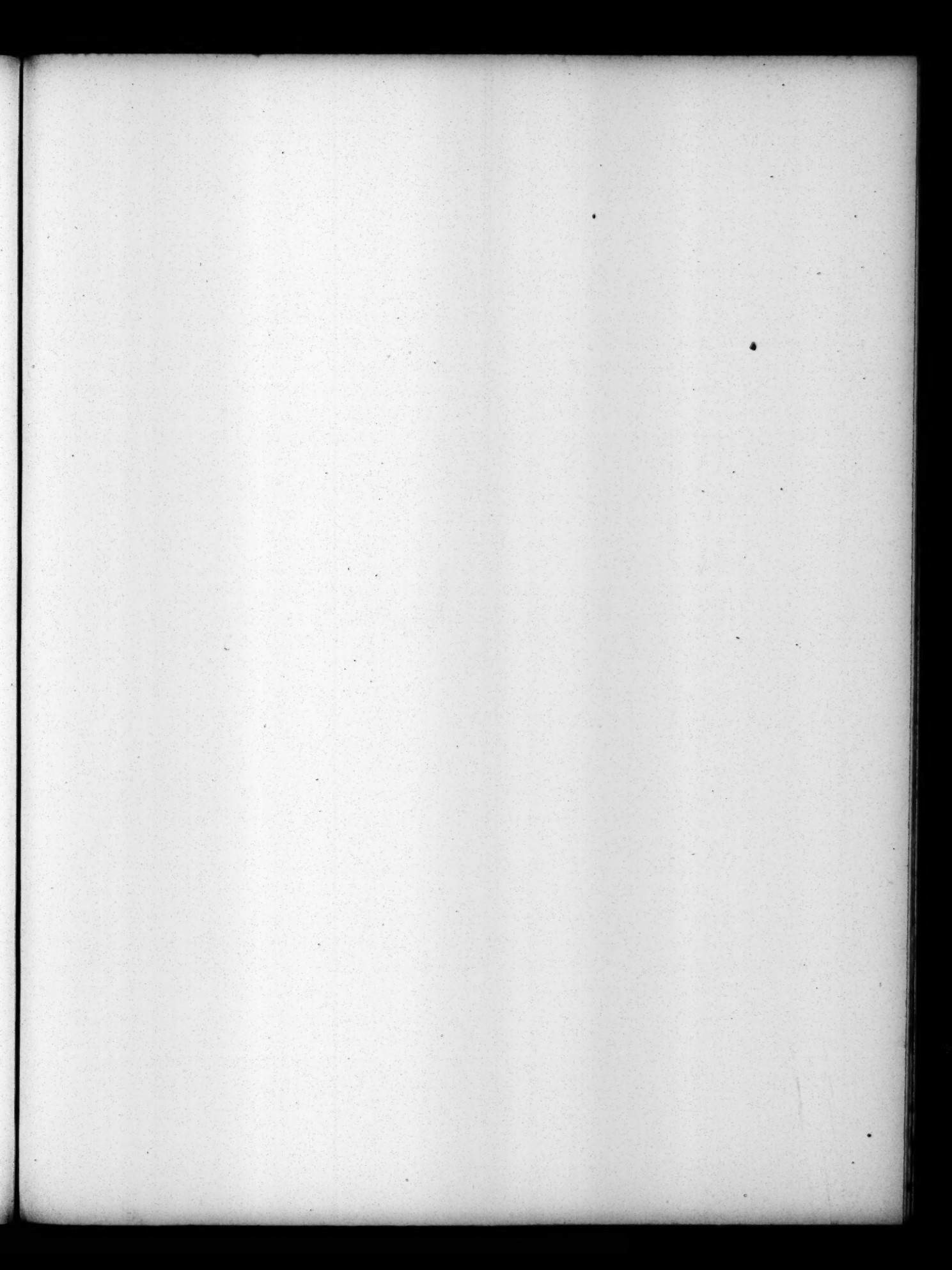


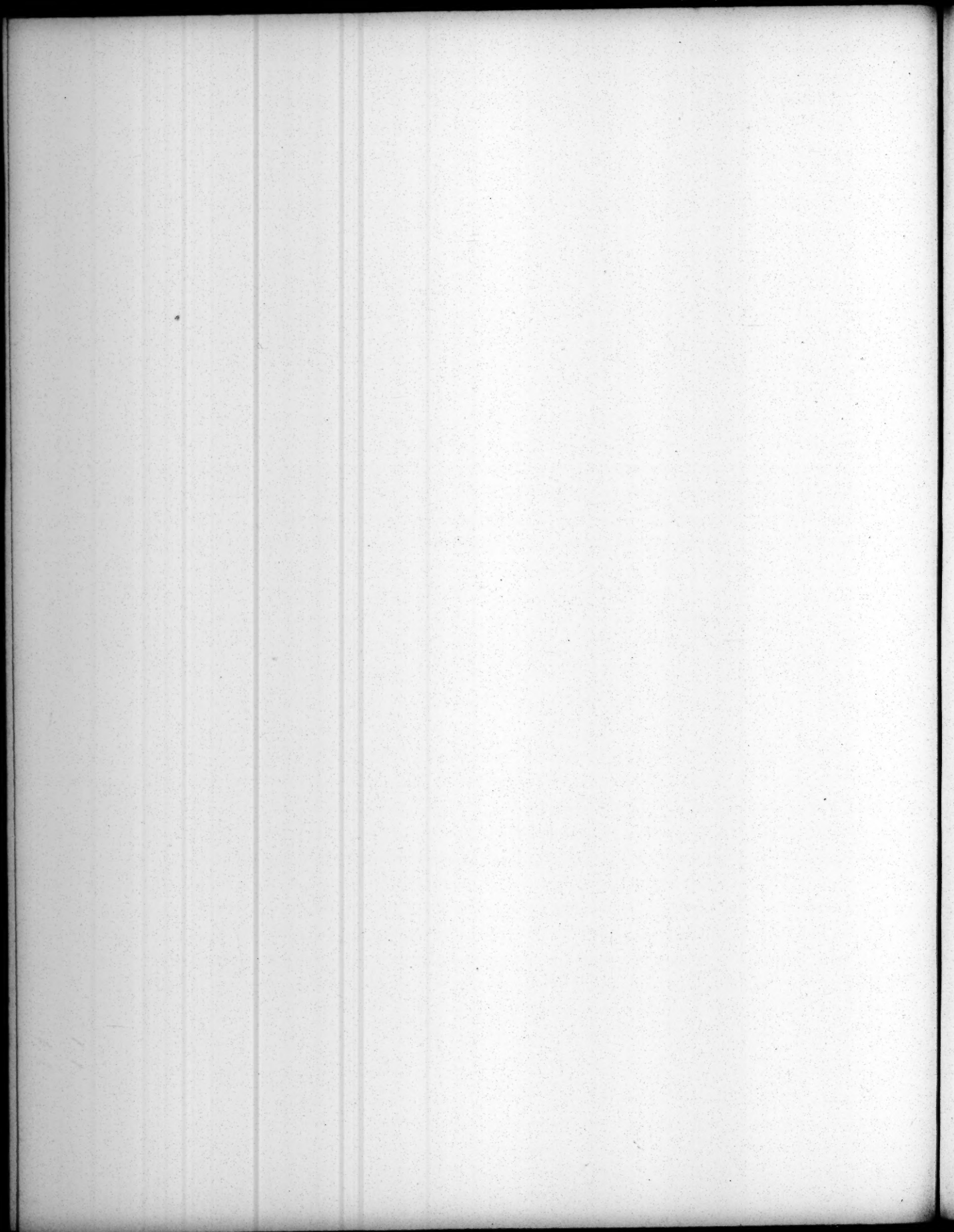


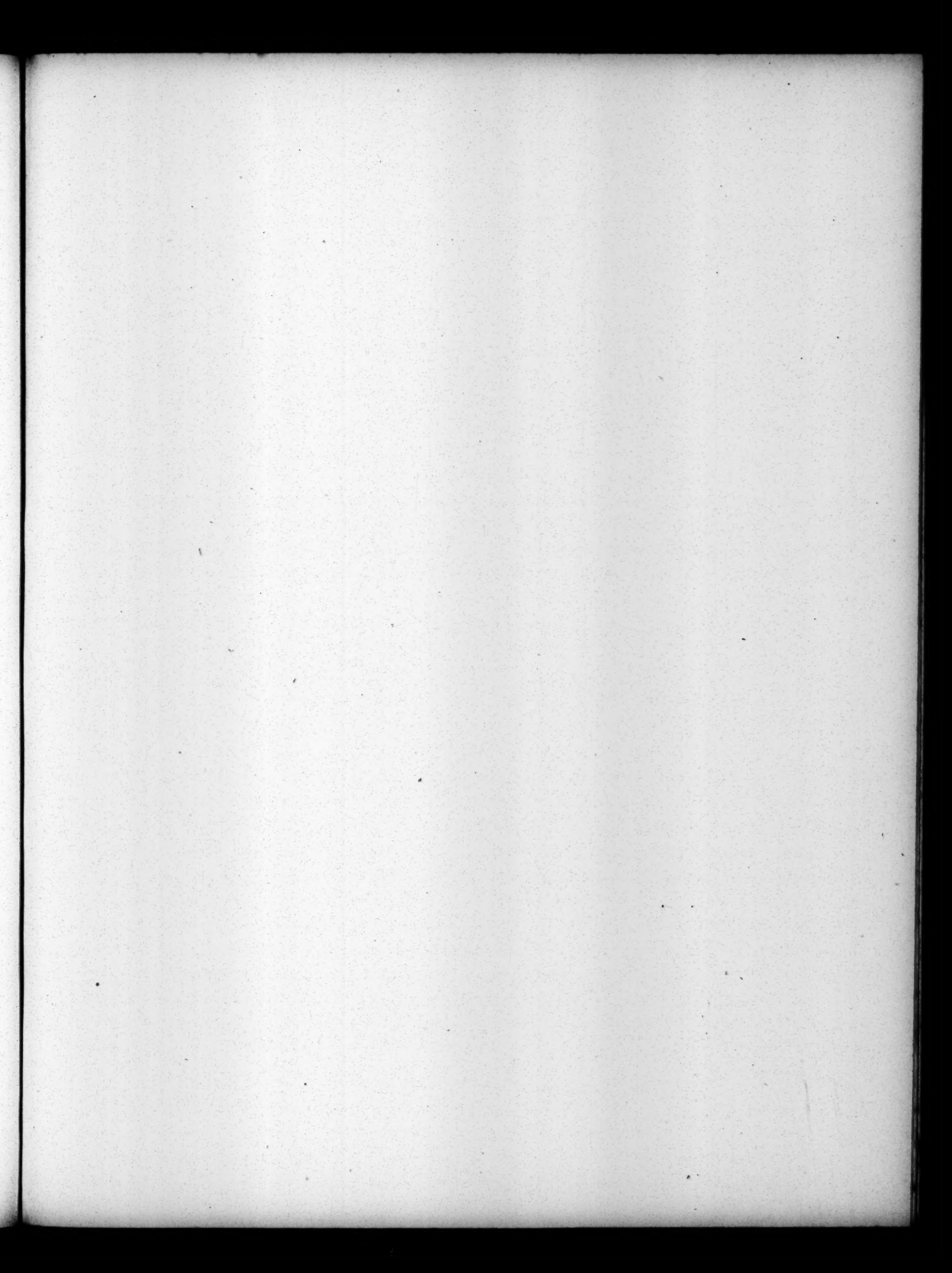


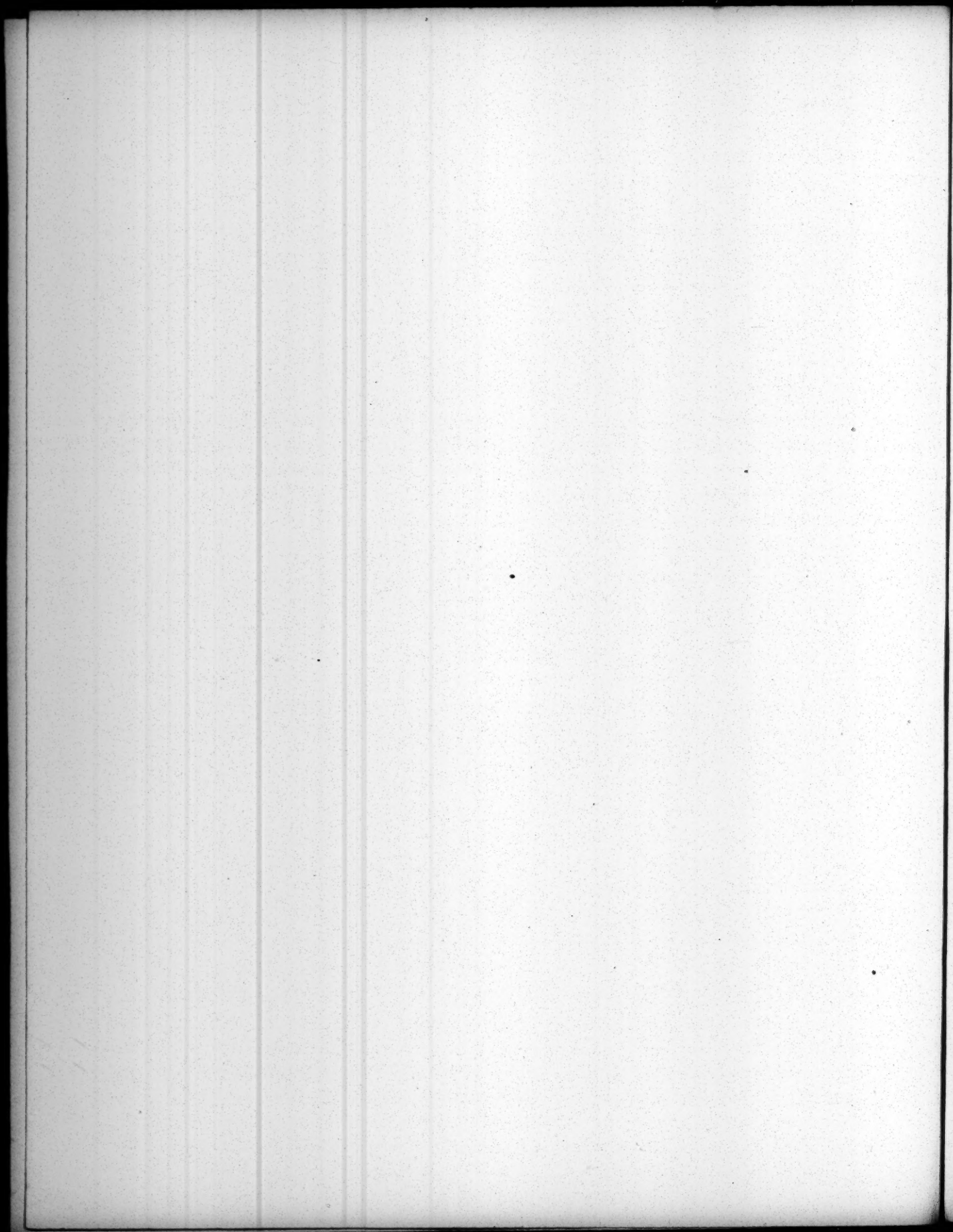




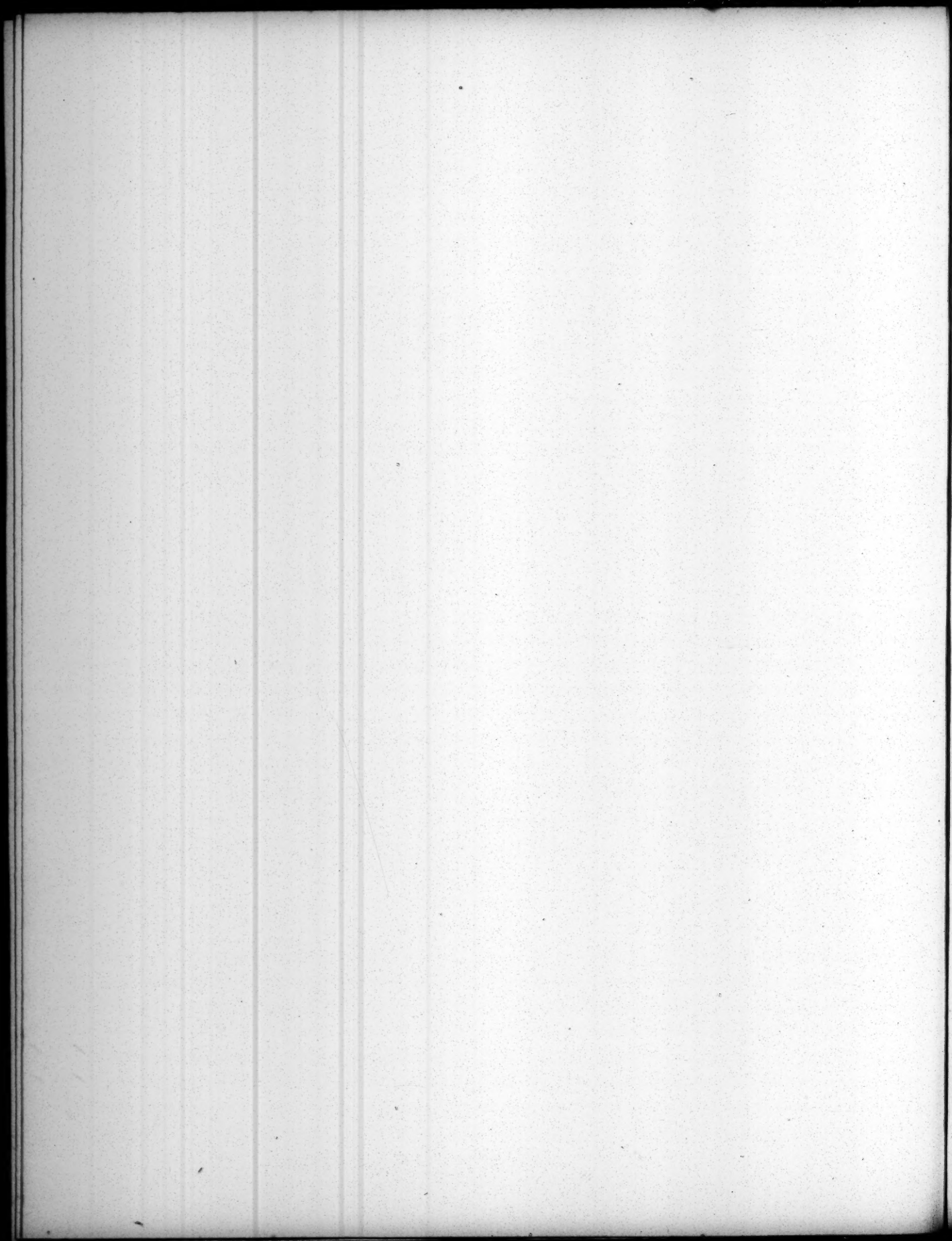




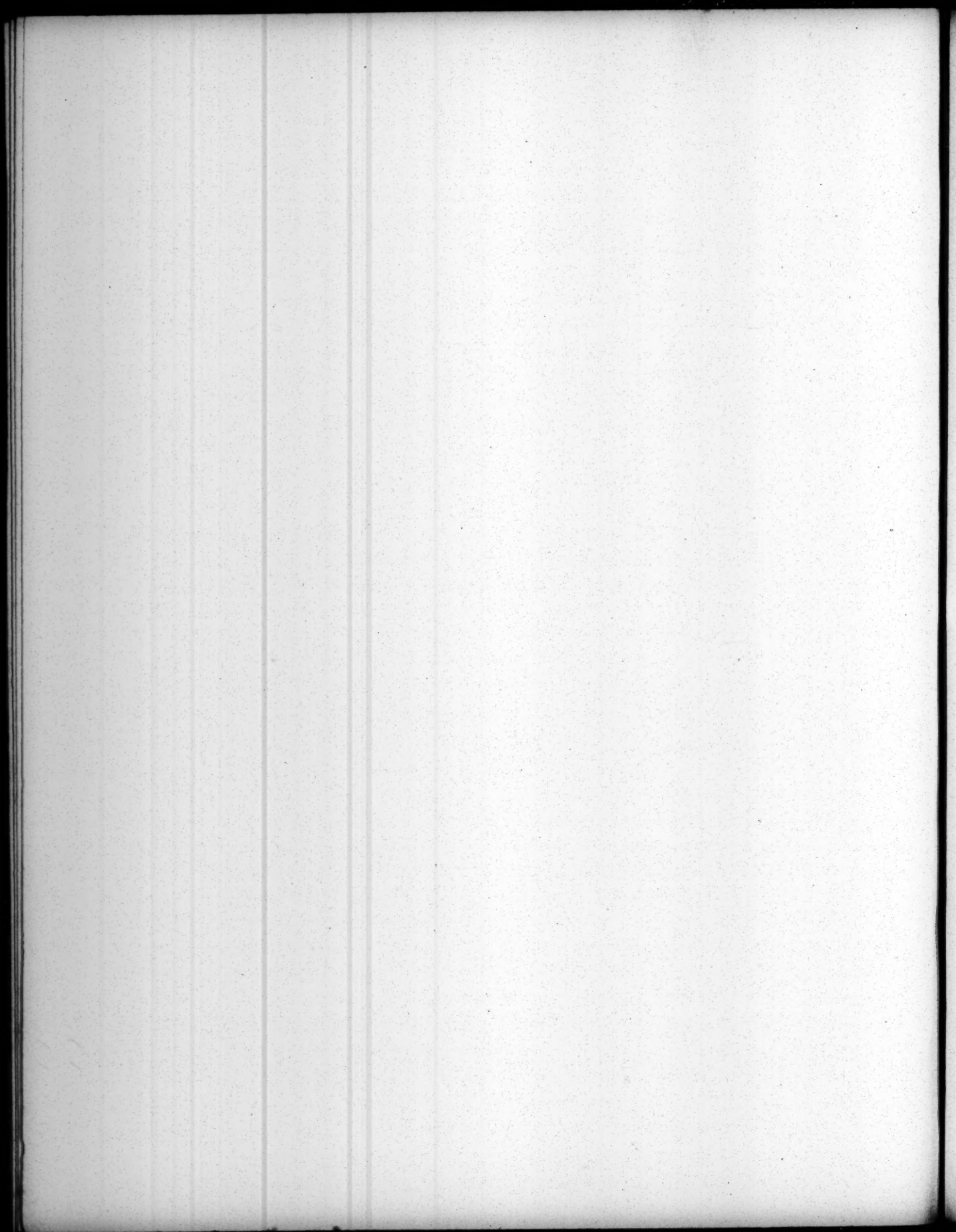


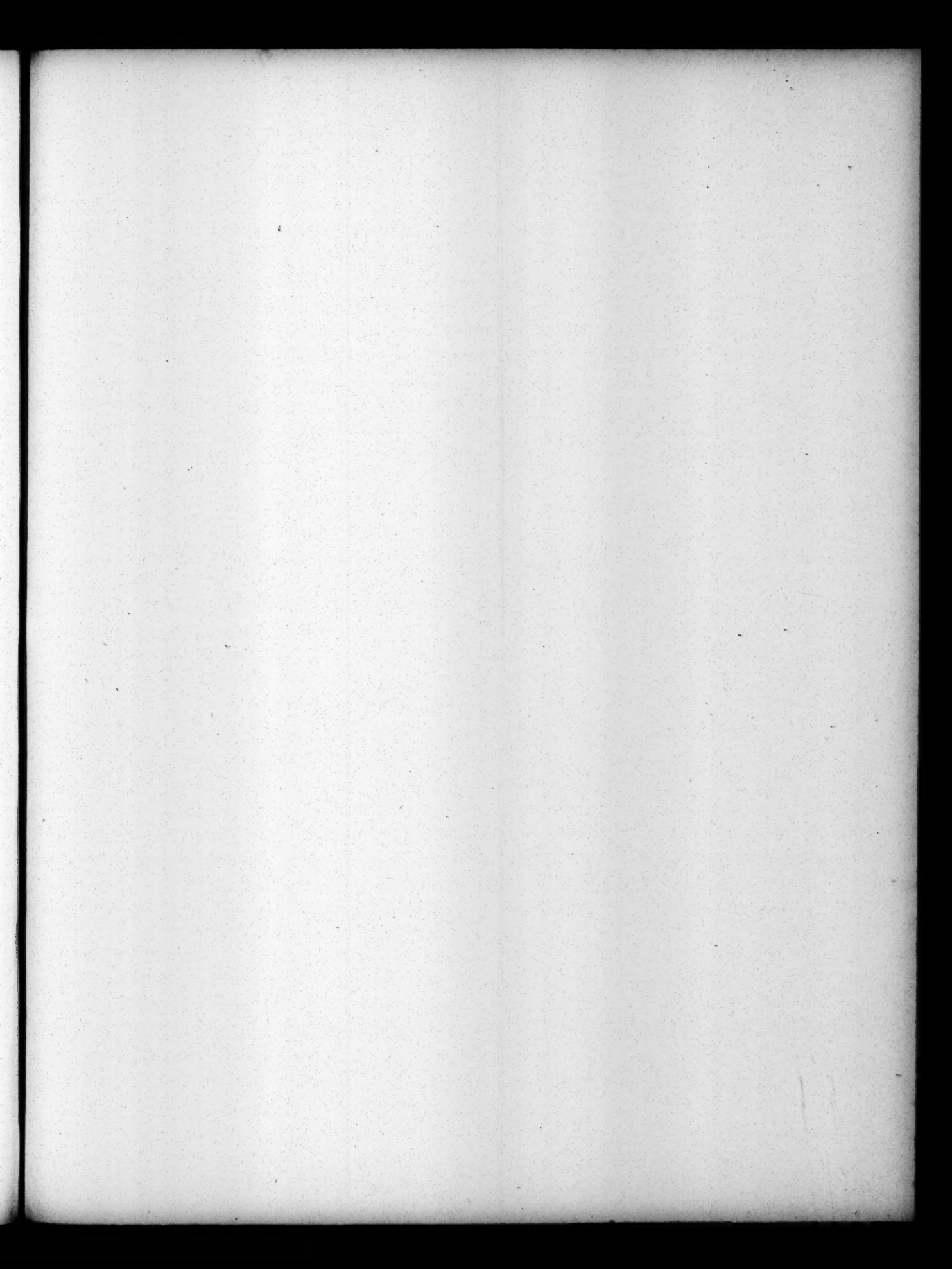


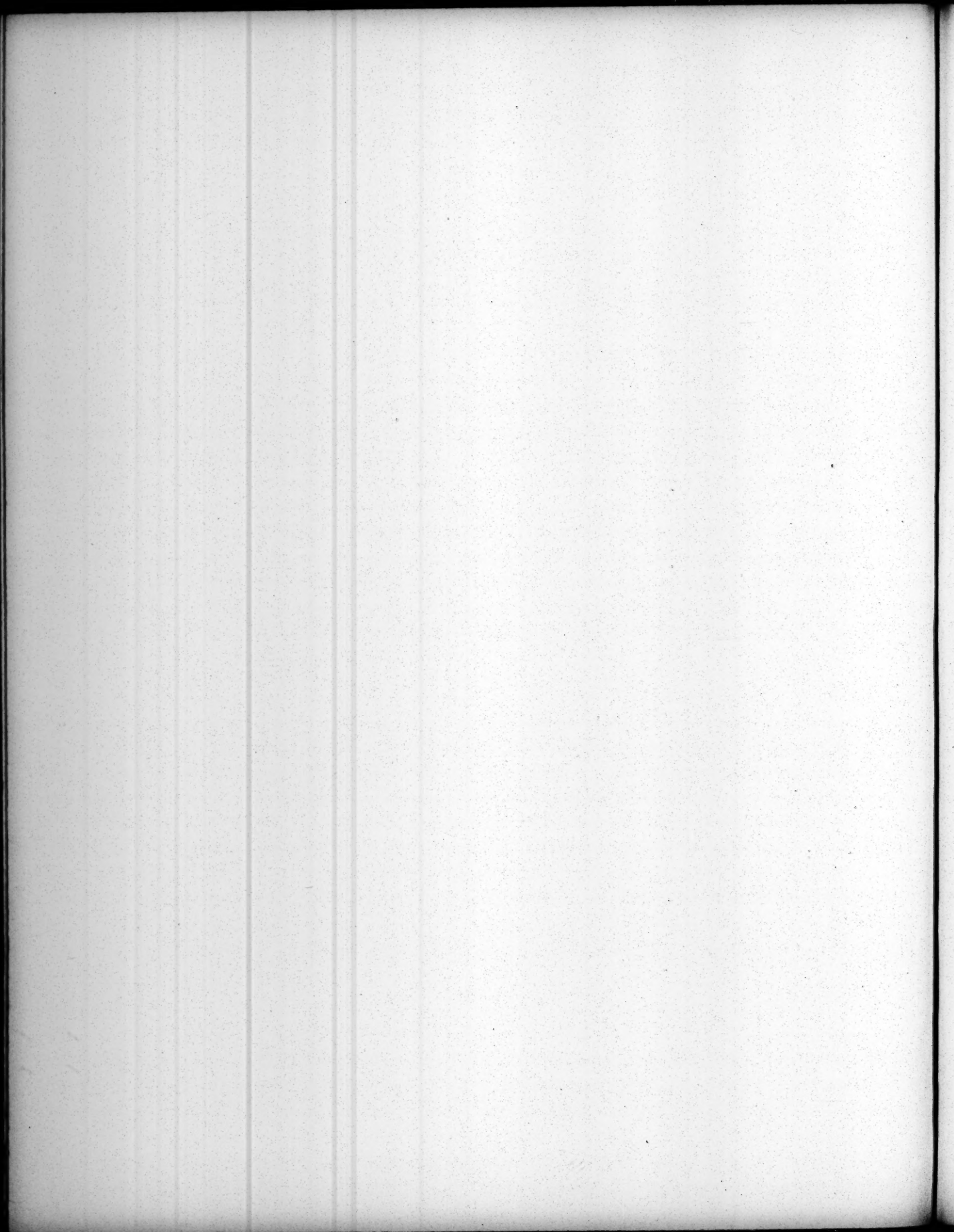


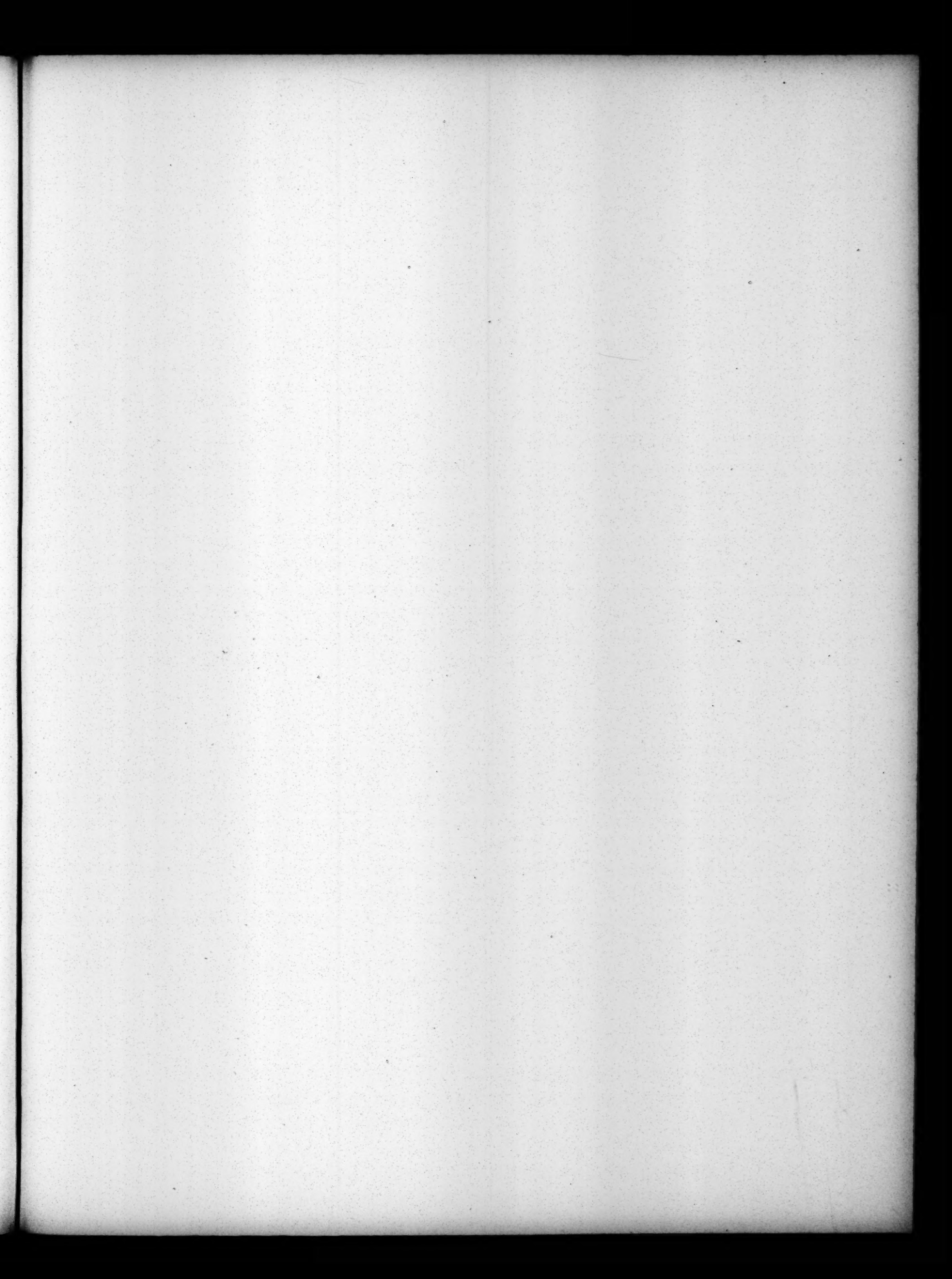


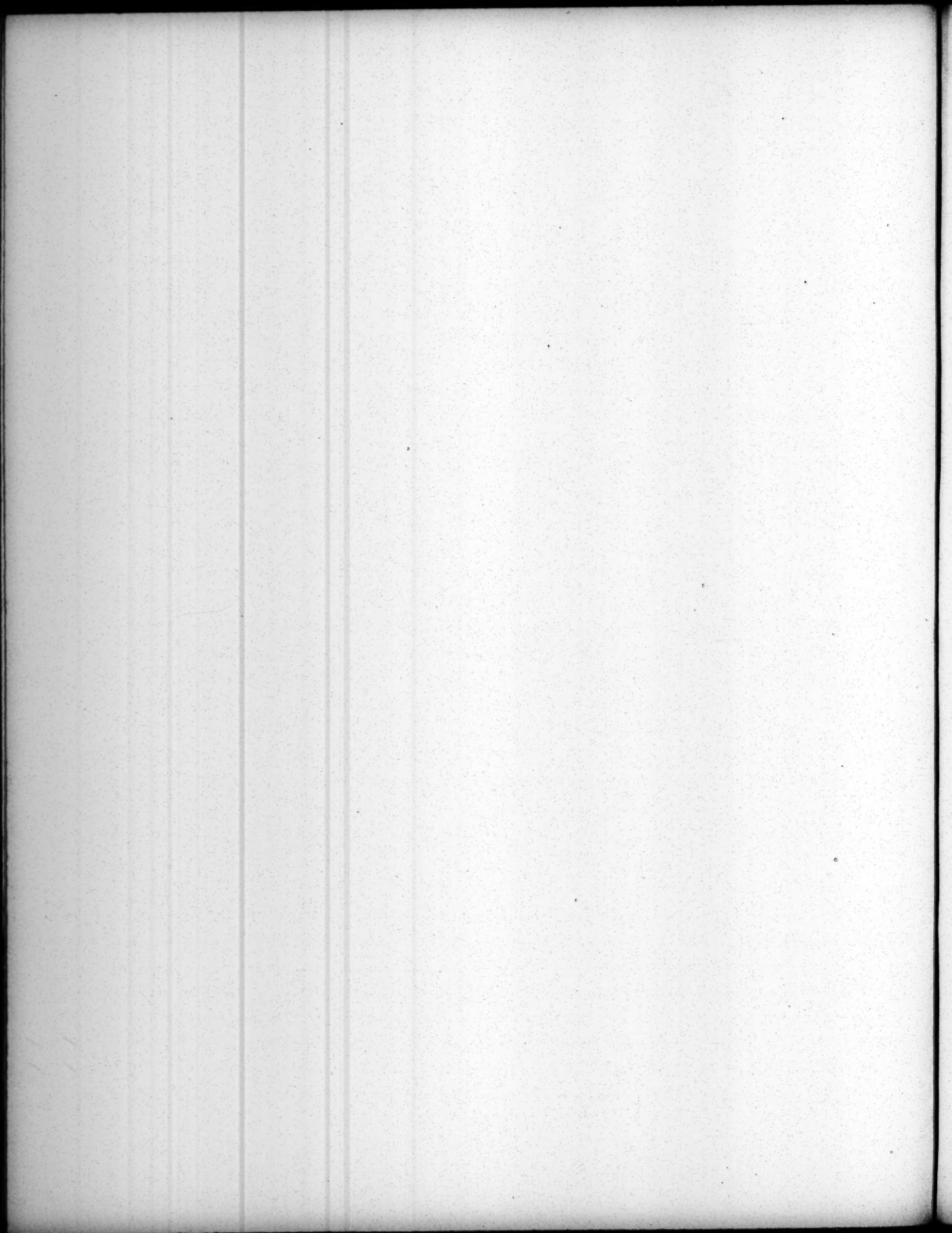


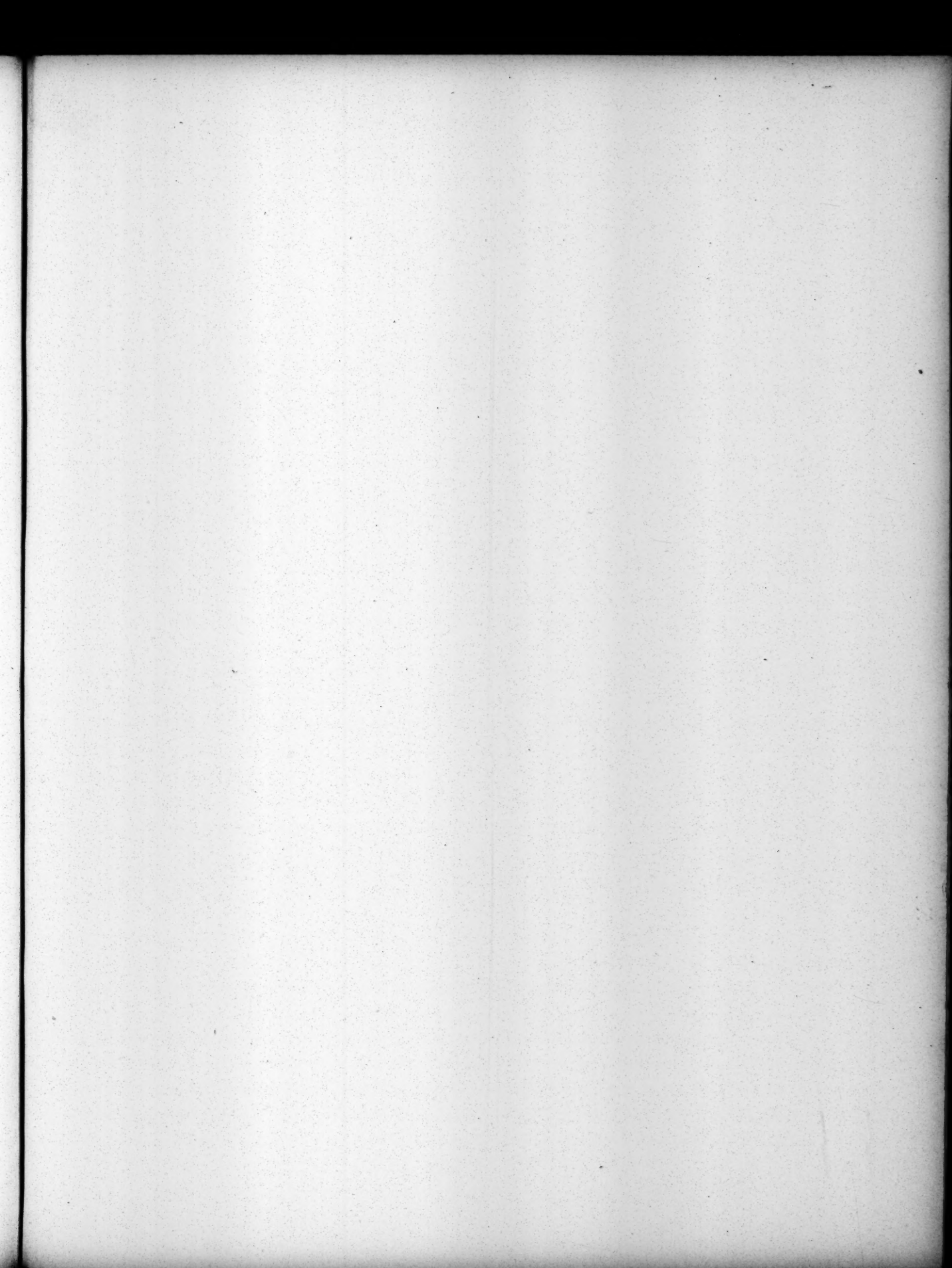


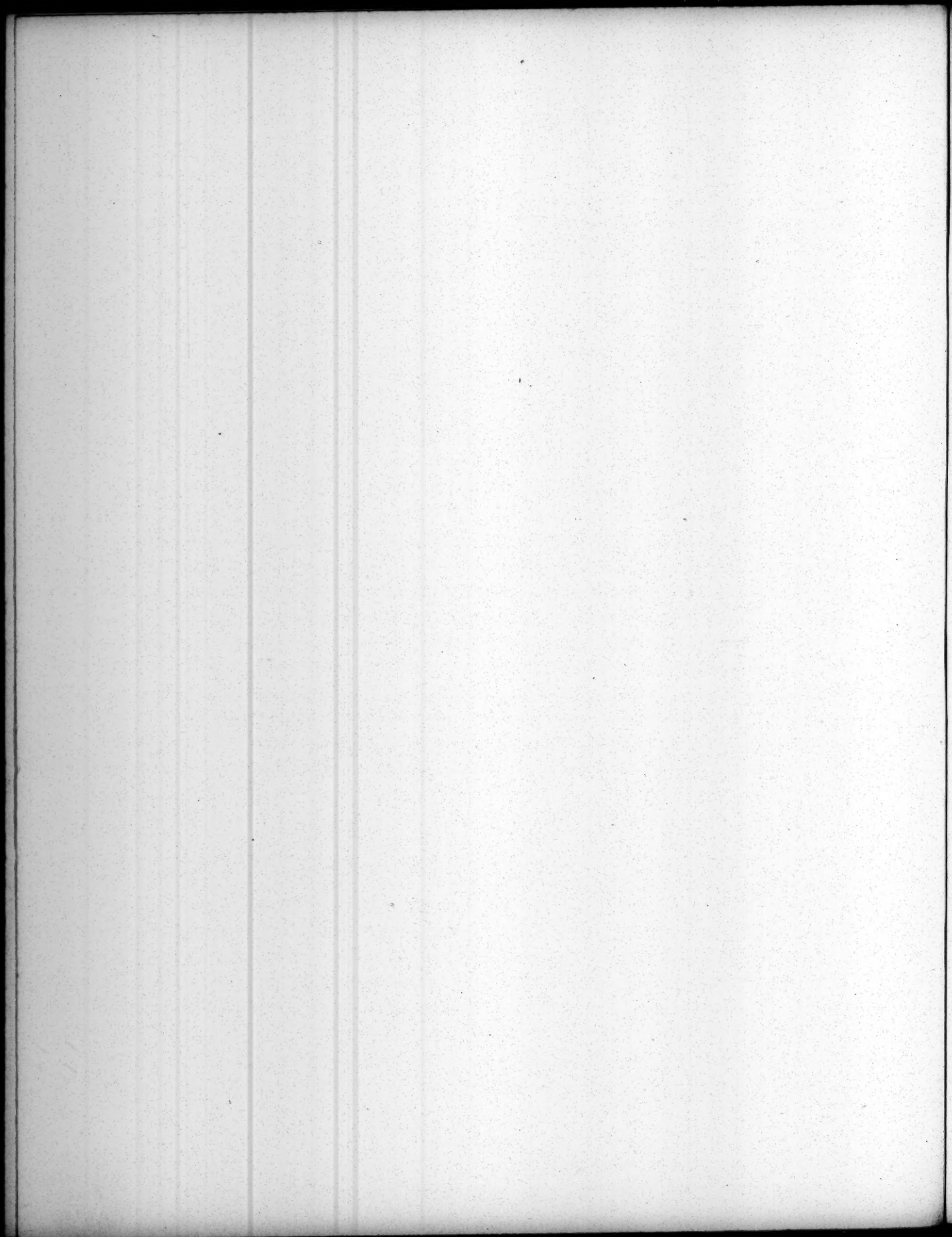


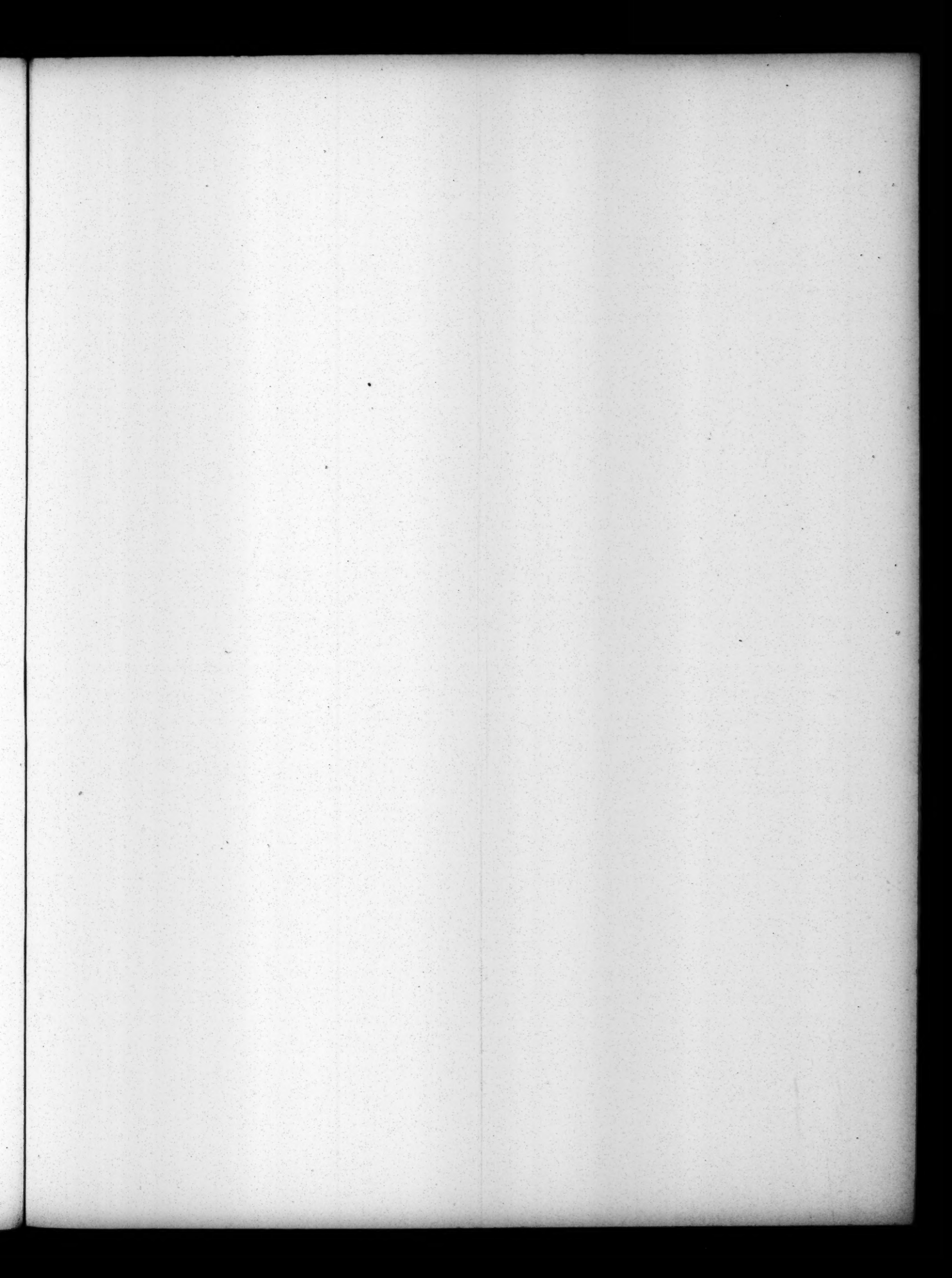




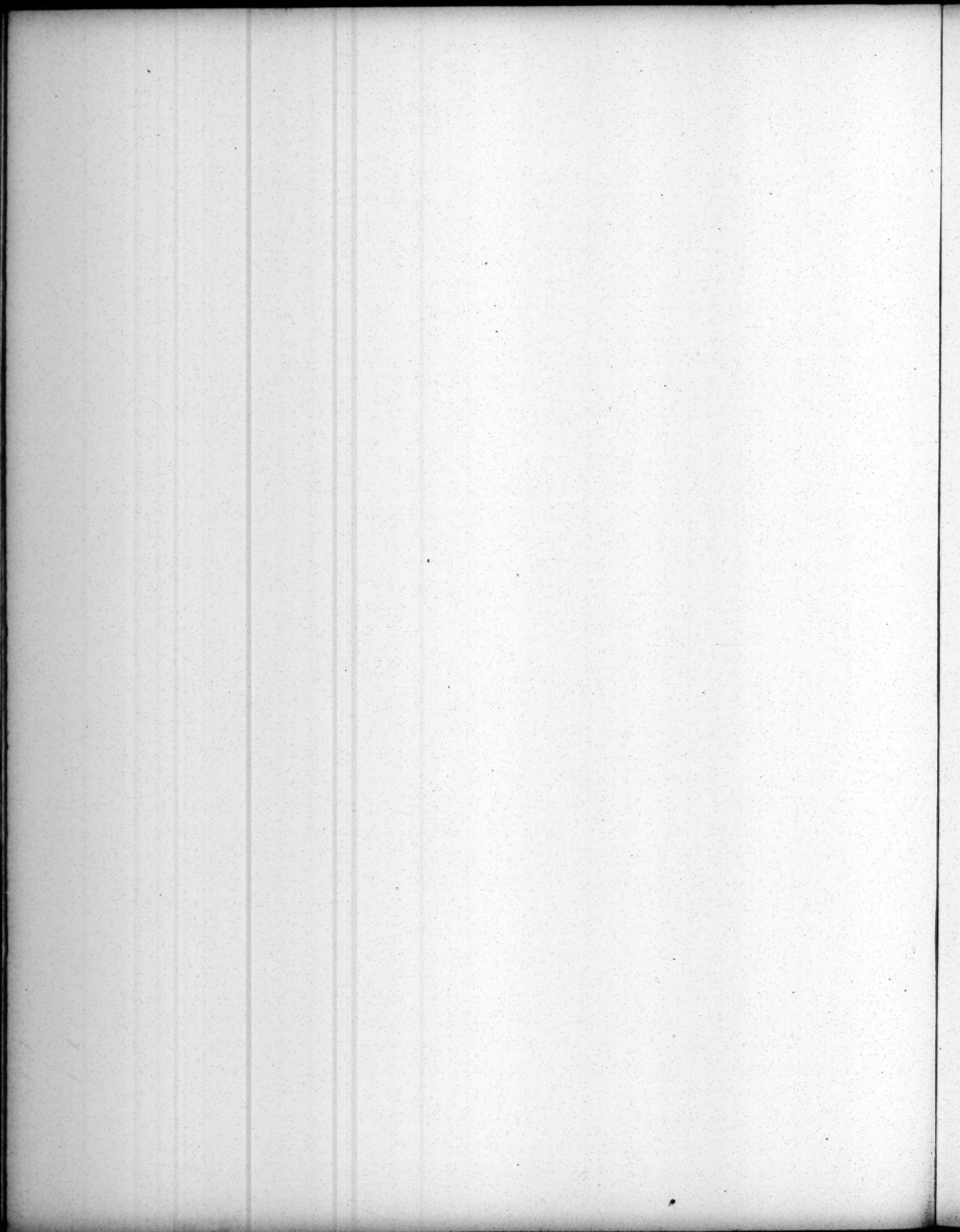


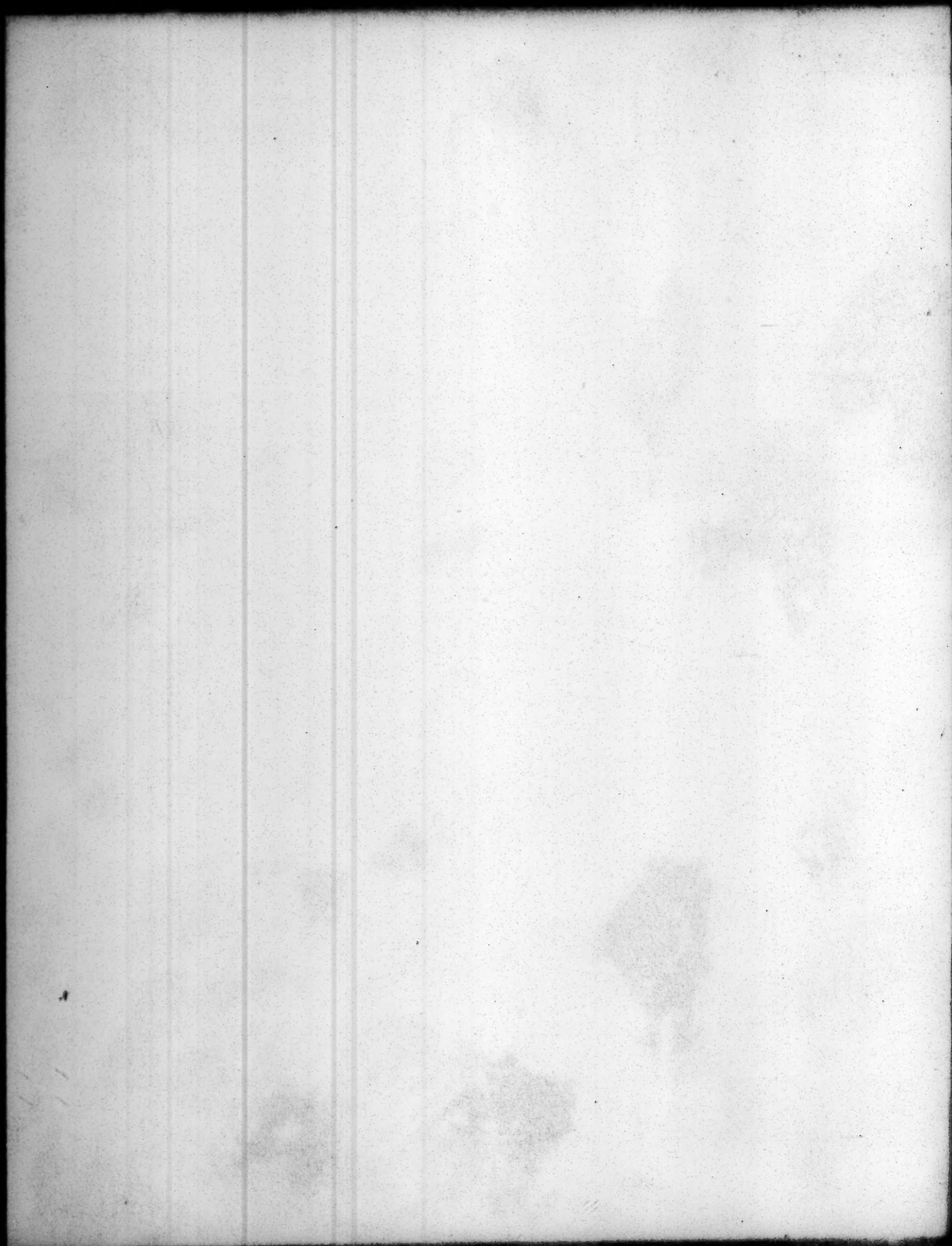












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